Scrap Book

Liberated Army Nurse's Diary Tells Turning Point In Pacific War

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Here is another of a series of stories based on the diary of Pearl La Carma Haven, civilian nurse from Pasco, Washington, interned for 37 months at Santo Tomas camp.)

By PEARL LA CARMA HAVEN
As Told To Francis McCarthy
United Press War Correspondent

SANTO TOMAS, PHILLIPINES, Feb. 2(' -(U.P.)- Early in 1944 the Japanese granted permission for wives to lie with their husbands in shanties on the university grounds. It was a great day when they were reunited.

The men built tiny huts of bamboo, with thatched roofs. On Feb. 1 the wives gathered up their belongings, some holding small children by the hand, and went to their new homes. The camp's loud speaker phonograph played "The Wedding March" and "It's Been So Long"..

The Japanese military assumed administration of the camp, and food became worse.

GRIPSHOLM PACKAGES

My diary Feb. 7 notes: "Supper —Dried fish, gravy, rice and boiled radishes. A lovely odor infilters the building".

In March private packages brought on the Gripsholm were di tributed in camp. I received nothing, but someone gave me a piece of gum. My jaws were tired in five minutes. I was unaccustomed to chewing.

Early in the year the Japanese began to show nervousness. Jan. 25 the diary said: "Patience. The Japanese papers are crying about United States strength. They're getting scared". Feb. 2 it said: "The paper says eight Japanese cities have been evacuating and an emergency state exists in the Philippines. We must have practice blackouts. Whoopie".

Early in April after the paper reported Yap and Palau islands were heavily bombed the Japanese increased their strictness. They ordered all internees to stand at attention and bow to all officers.

May 24: "There is water only on the first floor today. Only 1,000 women are using one bathroom, six toilets, five showers and three basins. What a hell of a mess".

June 1: "Was it a whole year ago we were expecting the big June offensive? How do we do it?"

PLAGUE SHOTS

Three days later our camp committee gave a talk on the food and labor problem. We were told we must put every inch of ground to garden "if we are to survive".

On June 4 it was rumored Rome had fallen, and two days later the diary said: "Hah! Japan admits the fall of Rome in a quarter-inch article. Did we chuckle!"

June 7 the Japanese wanted every one in camp to take shots against plague, but people were afraid on account of rumors that the serum was really a death shot. I took shots with 45 other volunteers but had no ill effects.

The food situation worsened Black market sugar was selling at 200 pesos ($100) per kilo (2.2 pounds). June 21 the diary said: "What have we done to deserve this? No more bananas on the food line. We have been getting an occasional small one, but no more".

The news kept our courage up, however. June 25 my diary said:

"There are rumors of a big navy battle near Guam and the Marianas. It won't be long now".

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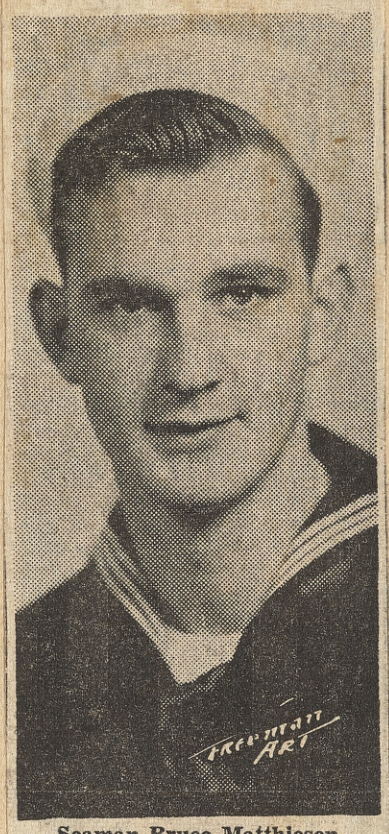
Home On Leave



Seaman Bruce Matthiesen

FORTUNA, Feb. 27.-With the Amphibious Forces, Seaman 1/c Bruce Matthiesen is home on 30-day leave to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Verner Matthiesen of Fortuna.

The Navy man has been serving in the South Pacific war theatre on a LSD (landing ship dock) and participated in actions on Mortai, Guam and in the southern Philippines. When his leave is over he will report back to his ship.

His twin brother, Blaine Matthiesen, radarman 3/c is now at sea after recently having been home on leave.

Bruce Matthiesen has been in the Navy since 1943, trained at San Diego and went on sea duty in March, 1944. Both he and his brother are Fortuna High School graduates.

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WAVE Weds Naval Man

Mrs. Clifford Aubuchan

A Navy wedding of interest in Humboldt county took place recently in St. Joseph Cathedral, San Diego, when WAVE Wilma Wrigley, AAM3c, of Elk River and Clifford E. Aubuchan, AAM2c, Navy, were married. They are enroute to Hawaii where they are to be stationed.

Bridal attendants were Irene Duart of the WAVES and John J. Tighe of the Navy. Rev. Stanley J. Smudor officiated. Wearing her dress blues, the bride carried a white prayer book with gardenia streamers.

Mrs. Aubuchan's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wrigley of Elk River and she is a sister of Mrs. Daniel McLean of Antioch and Philip Wrigley, who attends Eureka High school. A graduate of Eureka High, the bride also attended Humboldt State college before enlisting more than a year ago.

The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Aubuchan of St. Louis, Missouri.

Tues Feb 27-1945

Visiting Home

Francis Enos, EM2C

FERNDALE, March 1 — Back from 17 months service in the Southwest Pacific, Francis Antone Enos, EM2c, and his wife recently visited his mother, Mrs. W. E. Brazil of Ferndale.

Enos participated in several major Pacific battles. He attended school here and trained at San Diego and Treasure island. His brother, Cedric, lives in Ferndale.

Thurs Mar 1-1945

Aerial Observer

Lt. Charles D. Petty

Lt. Charles D. Petty, AAF aerial observer, with a Field Artillery battalion attached to the Ninth Army in Germany, and companion pilot, recently made a new mark in scout flying when they adjusted artillery fire on five enemy tanks as they flew in a small single motored ship over the enemy line of advance.

The story of their achievement is recounted in a Yank magazine received here by Lt. Petty's wife, Aline, who with their daughter, Sharon, lives at 2920 A street, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Petty of 267 Dollison street.

When the operation was over the five enemy tanks were burning or turned toward 'Hitler's heaven,' according to the account.

Lt. Petty holds the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters and has been cited for another incident when he directed fire on two targets simultaneously. He has made 126 missions in kite planes. Petty is a Eureka High school graduate, was a member of the local National Guard for six years and has been overseas since last July.

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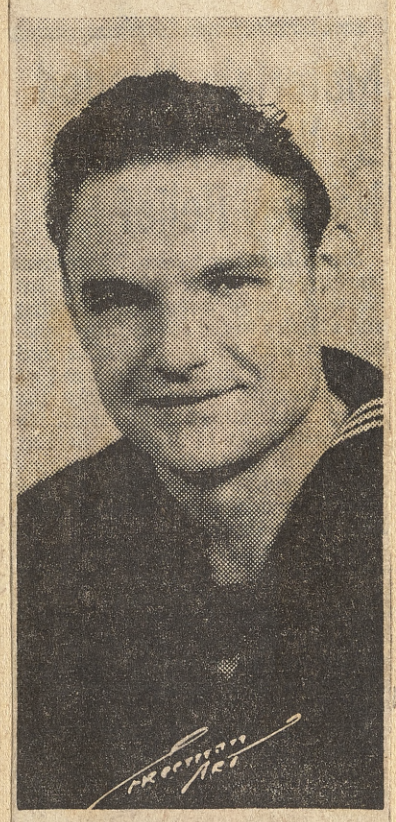
Pacific Veteran



Walter Schuster, WT 1/c

Aboard a Coast Guard manned frigate in the Pacific war theater Walter Schuster, water tender first class, is serving with the Coast Guard. A veteran of many assaults, he participated in attacks on Hollandia, Biak, Sansapor, Wake, New Guinea and Leyte.

The Coast Guardsman's wife, formerly Bertha Veit, and their son, Gary, live at 1119 McCullen avenue.

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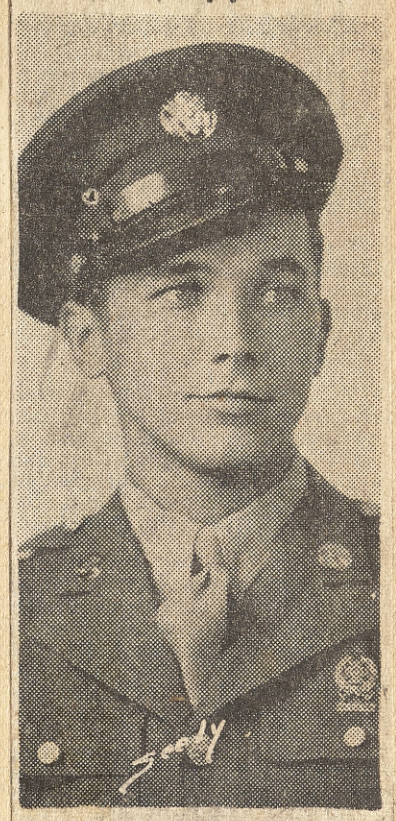
In Philippines



Sgt. Walter Bognuda

LOLETA, March 2—Sgt. Walter Bognuda, who had participated in New Guinea and Luzon invasions, is now serving in the Philippines, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Bognuda.

Sgt. Bognuda, who has been overseas 18 months, has recently been promoted from private first class to sergeant. He trained at Camp Roberts and Fort Ord. In addition to his promotion Bognuda now holds the Infantryman Combat Badge and Good Conduct Medal.

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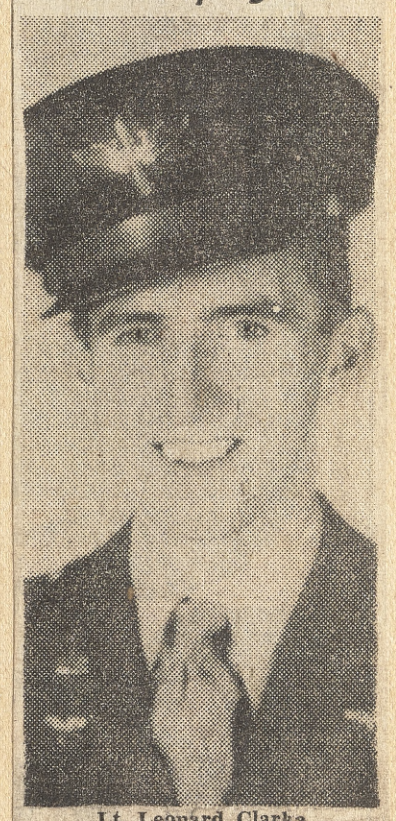
Prisoner Of War Gets Flying Cross



Lt. Leonard Clarke

First Lt. Leonard O. Clarke of Eureka, now a prisoner of war in Germany, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement while serving as co-pilot of a B-29 bomber on many bombardment missions over enemy occupied Europe.

Lt. Clarke also holds the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Clarke of 1485 Myrtle avenue.

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BROTHERS SEE SERVICE OVERSEAS

Cpl. Dennis Reynolds

Pfc. Doyle Reynolds

Having served 15 months overseas with the Army Air Force, Cpl. Dennis Reynolds of Korbel participated in invasions on the Philippines. His brother, Pfc. Doyle Reynolds, also of Korbel, has been overseas nine months, serving with the Fifth Army in Italy. He recently has visited Rome.

Sat Mar 3-1945

WE HAVE written quite a few stories in years gone by about "Nard" Maffia. This is the first one about Sgt. Rinaldo Maffia, U. S. Army, stationed in northern Italy.

Most of our earlier stories were in the lighter vein, like the one about when "Nard" was playing left field for the Eureka Merchants baseball team the day that they played the Seals at Albee stadium and the great Joe DiMaggio was with the Seals.

JOE DI MAGGIO came up to bat. "Nard" was in left field. When he saw DiMaggio come to bat, "Nard" turned around and started walking. He was almost down at the end of the football field that stretched past where left field should be. "Pep" Prentice on third base, manager of the team, looked around and hollered, "Get back in the ball game," but "Nard" kept going. After a while he stopped - - and in the right place because a moment later DiMaggio hit the ball - - - way, way, way out. It was the longest ball we ever saw hit in Albee Stadium - - - and "Nard" was right under it. He just stood there and let it fall into his glove. He didn't even have to move.

SGT. RINALDO MAFFIA

"Nard" trotted in at the end of the ball game and said, "Just a Can of Corn" - - baseball expression for an "easy pop fly."

THIS story is about "Nard" keeping a promise. Before he left Eureka he told Mrs. T. V. Baronti, wife of Tony, the widely known Eureka caterer of Italian foods, that if he ever visited Italy he would look up her mother and father, living there. And "Nard" kept his promise. He did.

IN A LETTER to Mrs. Baronti, Nard says: "I made a call at the home of your parents and found them in the best of health. Both your mother and father are well and suffered no ill effects from the Germans. One thing that the Germans did do though - - was to take their livestock. With the exception of that no harm was done to the house or any of the property.

Your mother and father were very happy to have word from you and to know that all is well with you and family. Two of your sisters were also present at the house and one of your sisters had her two daughters present. I was told that you have never seen your youngest niece so therefore I took a few snap shots of the gathering. Soon as I get the films developed I'll send you the pictures. I also want to add at this time that your mother cooked a very delicious dinner for me and my friends which we appreciated very much. It has been a long time since I've had a dinner like that one. If I have the opportunity to do so again, I'll pay them another visit. All of your family are very anxious to see both you and Tony, and I told them that when this affair was over with, they would probably have that wish granted. As for myself, things are the same over here and we have the same routine day in and day out. Just like all of the other fellows in the service, we are just waiting for the day this affair ends so we can come back home. Give my regards to everyone."

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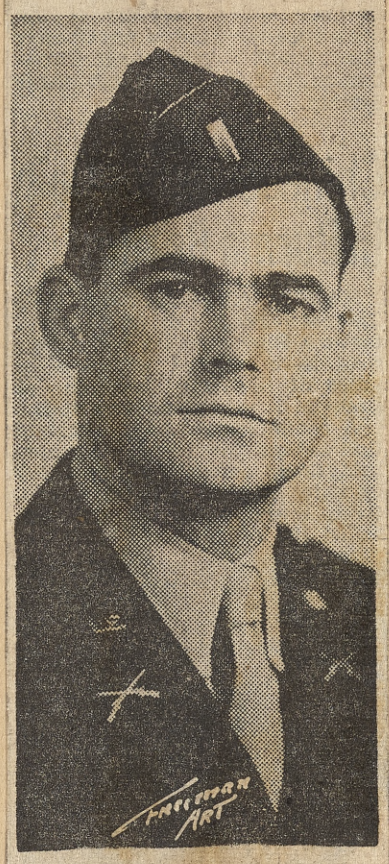
Eureka Man
Killed In Action



Lt. Robert M. Viale

Lt. Robert M. Viale of Eureka, one of the charter members of the local unit of the California National Guard, was killed in action recently in Manila, Philippines Islands, according to word received here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Viale of 2620 Hull avenue.

Leaving here in March, 1941, with the National Guards, Lt. Viale trained in San Luis Obispo and went overseas a year ago, serving in Bougainville and participating in the Luzon invasion. He had been employed here by the Hammond Lumber company.

In addition to his parents, Lt. Viale is survived by his brothers and sisters: Pfc. Raymond Viale with the Marines on Iwo Jima; T/Sgt. John Viale, now stationed at the Army salvage center at Seattle, Washington; Marvin Viale of Seward, Alaska; Donald and Leonard Viale of Eureka; Mrs. George Halkedes of Los Angeles and Mrs. Raymond Burns of Eureka.

Sgt. John Viale and his wife are here from Seattle while he is on furlough.

Mon Mar 5-1945

Visiting Family

Pvt. Chester Atkins

Private Chester Atkins is visiting his wife and daughter Judith, and his mother Mrs. A. L. Atkins and family, on a brief furlough before reporting for assignment overseas.

Private Atkins has been with the Army paratroops for two years and will go from here to Fort Benning, Georgia, for re-assignment.

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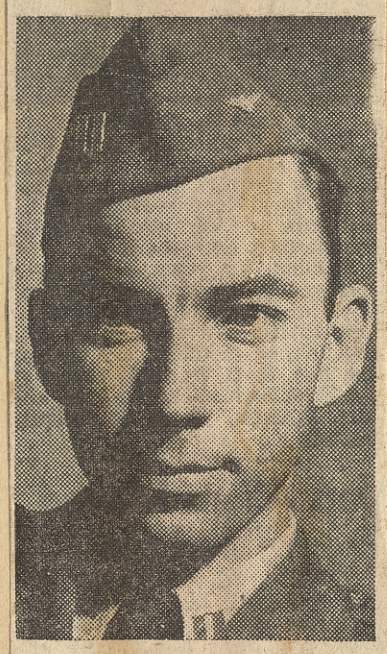
Navy Pilot
Pacific Veteran



Lt. Francis Wolf

One of the Navy fighter plane pilots who helped rout an enemy attack during the battle for the Philippines was Lt. Francis J. Wolf, formerly of Eureka. He is now home on leave to visit his wife, formerly Kathleen Riley of Eureka, and their year old son in San Diego. Lt. Wolf was attached to Composite Squadron 5.

Wolf's force was composed of six small, slow speed carrier escorts, three destroyers, and four small destroyer escorts. The force was being pursued by a heavy Japanese fleet composed of five battleships, eight heavy cruisers, and 12 or 14 destroyers.

When the running fight ended two enemy cruisers had been sunk by Navy planes, three battleships had been damaged heavily, and several destroyers crippled.

"We lost two carrier escorts, one of them to Jap air power, two destroyers and a destroyer escort," Wolf related.

The enemy fleet, attempting to punish the naval support for U. S. troops fighting on Leyte, emerged from San Bernardino straits, firing 14-inch shells at the small force of carriers and destroyers.

"General quarters sounded just after breakfast," he said, "I was getting ready for a take-off, when I heard the explosion of guns. I looked back and there was the Jap fleet coming out of a heavy cloud bank.

It was a two and a half hour battle, he explained, which began with the "Japs chasing us, and ended with us chasing the Japs." Why they turned and ran, he said he could not explain. "They had all the power necessary to blow us out of the water.

"Against our five inch guns," he continued, "they blasted away with 14 inchers at point blank range. But thanks to the destroyers and little destroyer escorts, which darted in and out screening the carriers, our losses were small."

Mon Mar 5-1945

ARMY VETERAN

Pfc. John Dake

BLUE LAKE, March 5. - Pfc. John S. Dake, in the Army four years and with 550 days of combat service in North Africa, Sicily and Italy, is with the 19th Combat Engineer regiment, Fifth Army, in Italy. His unit builds and maintains roads, bridges and trails for combat troops.

Parents of the soldier are Mr. and Mrs. John Dake of Blue Lake. His brother, Cpl. Samuel E. Dake, is at Camp Beale.

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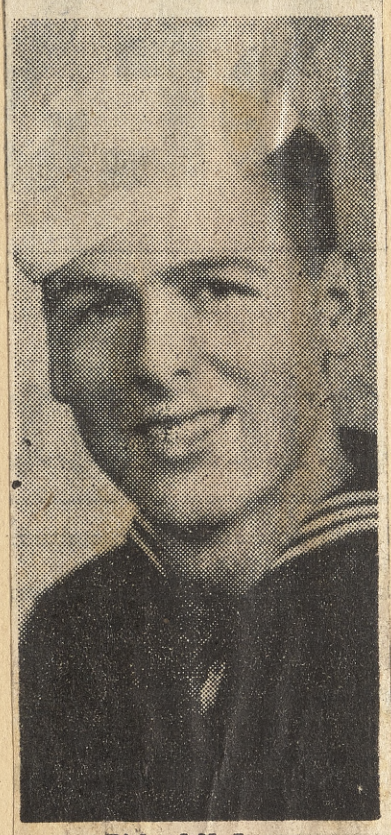
Starts Training



Richard N. Jasper

Now training as apprentice seaman at Camp Endicottt, U. S. Navy construction training station at Davisville, Rhode Island, is Richard N. Jasper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Jasper of Fortuna.

Jasper, graduated last week from California Institute of Technology at Pasadena, will be commissioned as Ensign on completion of his training at Camp Endicott.

A Fortuna High school graduate in the class of 1941, Jasper was able to complete his engineering course at the Pasadena school under the V-12 Naval program, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree there.

Jasper's father is publisher of the Humboldt Beacon at Fortuna.

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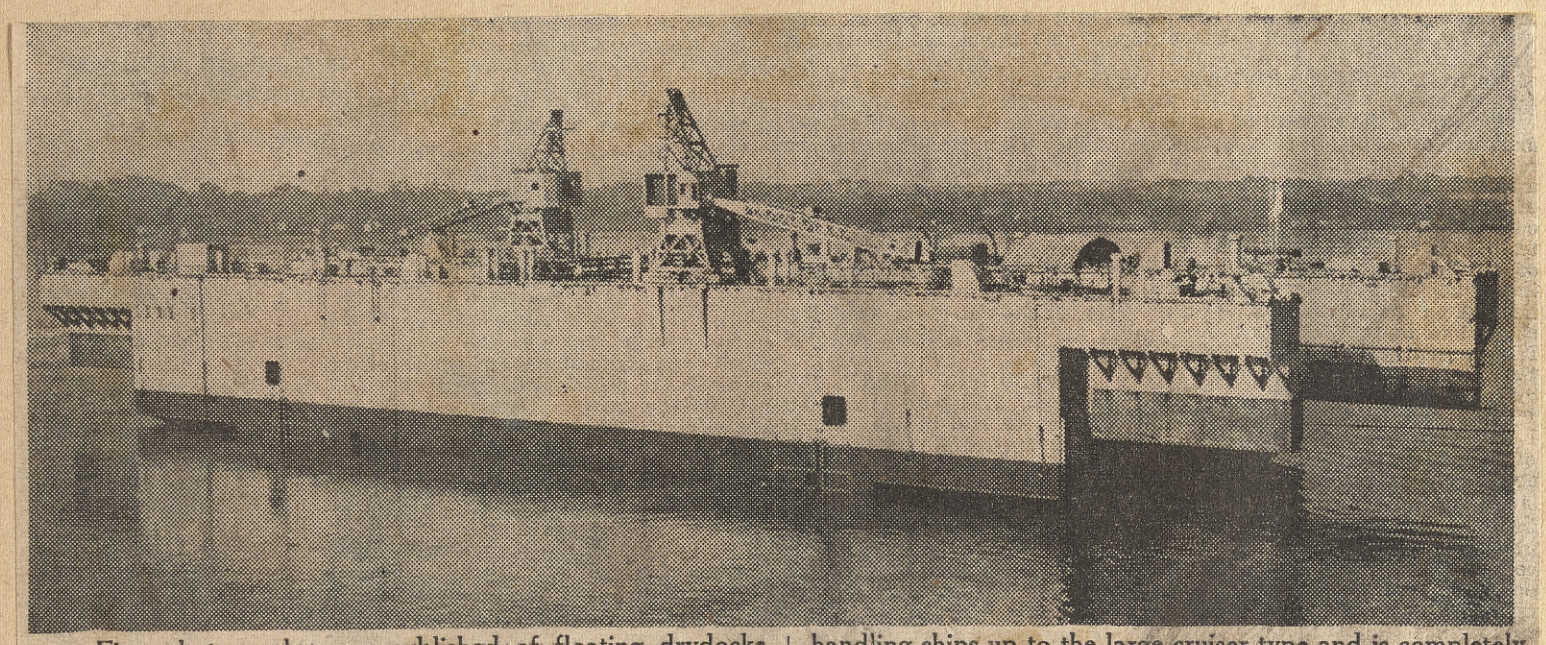
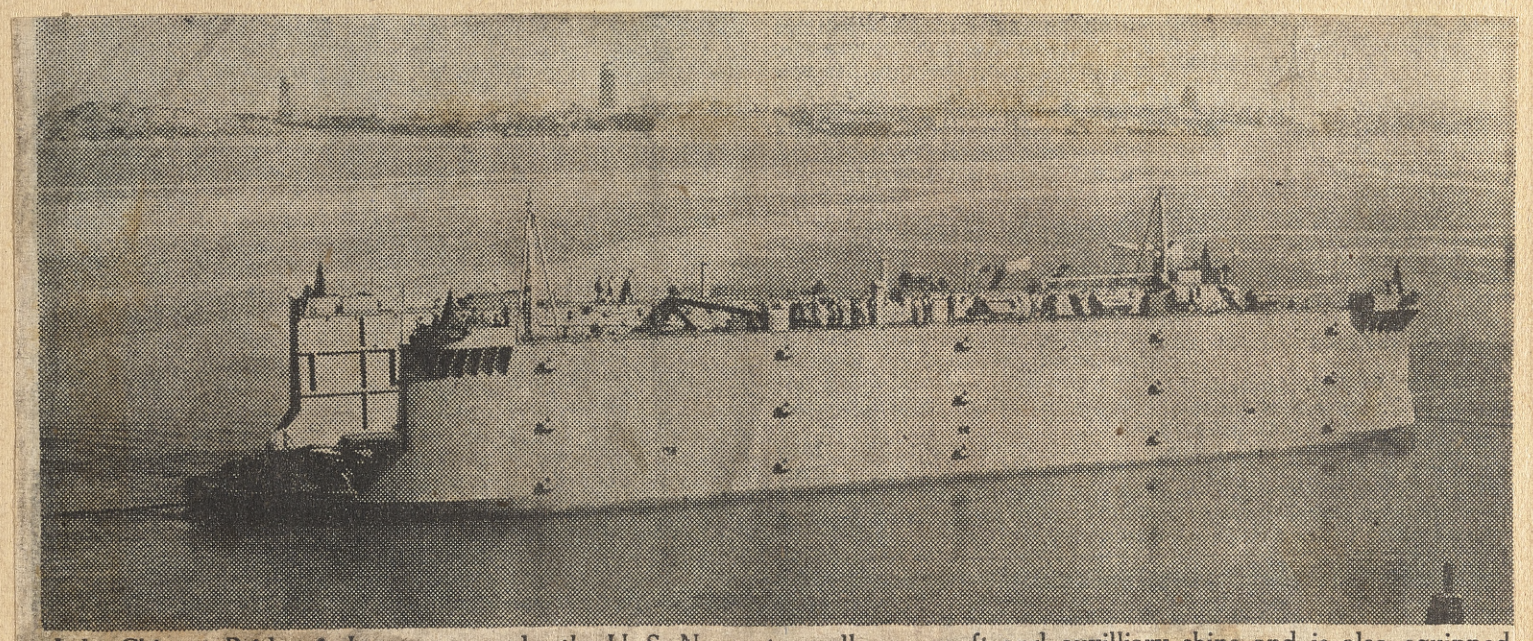
First Photos Of Floating Drydocks Built Here



First photographs ever published of floating drydocks constructed by the Chicago Bridge & Iron company plant in Eureka are pictured above.

At the left is a center section of the large floating drydock launched on January 25 this year. This unit is capable of handling ships up to the large cruiser type and is completely equipped with self-sustaining units and complete power plants along with quarters for a crew. It is this type of floating drydock that will be constructed here starting in the fall of the year, contracts for two more having just been awarded the Chicago Bridge & Iron company by the U. S. Navy, Bureau of Yards and Docks.



The floating drydock pictured at the right is the smaller drydock type, a number of which were constructed at the Eureka plant. It is a complete unit capable of handling smaller warcraft and auxilliary ships and is also equipped with quarters for crew.

The pictures here were taken by Kenneth C. Kilburn, official photographer for the Chicago Bridge & Iron company.

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U. S. Navy Orders Two More Huge Floating Drydocks To Be Built In Eureka

Local officials of the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company today received word that the U. S. Navy, Bureau of Yards and Docks has extended the company's contract to include the construction of two more large floating steel drydocks at the Eureka yard. This work will be done under the direction of Lieut. C. F. Replogle, officer-in-charge for the Navy.

According to D. E. Larson, resident manager for the CB&I Company, work on these docks will be well under way by late summer and will continue on into 1946. All of the necessary facilities for these new docks are already available at the Eureka yard and work will be started as soon as steel and other materials begin to arrive.

This additional work will give the people of this community an opportunity to continue the outstanding work they have done during the past three years in support of the Navy's construction program. The use of floating drydocks on a scale never before dreamed of is one of the Navy's most important weapons in global warfare, and the drydock program has been guarded with the utmost secrecy. It is only in recent weeks that news dispatches have described the important part our floating drydocks are playing in moving our ship repair bases right into the enemy's home waters.

Reports received here from naval officials indicate that all of the drydocks built at Eureka have been tops in both workmanship and operating efficiency. These reports are confirmed in letters received from local men who are serving on some of the drydocks built here.

DOCKS CLICKING

William Madsen, B.M. 1/c, who is serving on one of the drydocks from the Eureka yard, wrote as follows to his father, William Madsen of 262 Clark street, Eureka, who is employed in the electrical department of the Chicago Bridge yard:

"The dock as a whole is clicking perfectly—had a bit of trouble with the exciters when we first started operating here, but all OK now. We are making a new record for dockings out here and believe me we are working like hell! But Eureka has something to be proud of and you fellows who built her should feel proud too. Have seen plenty of docks and those built at Eureka are a much better job than the others. Can't tell you how many ships we have put in here, but we're proud of it."

LIEUTENANT'S STATEMENT

Lt. Replogle had the following comments to make:

"I extend the most hearty congratulations to the Chicago Bridge & Iron Co., their manager Don Larson, and all their employees in the assignment of additional dry dock construction at the Eureka yard. While this office has not received official notification of such an assignment as yet, it appears to be a foregone conclusion.

"It was to be expected that this yard would be assigned more work if naval operations determined that more dry docking facilities would be needed in the prosecution of the war. Because of the good management and the experience behind the Chicago Bridge & Iron Co. they were originally selected by the Navy to start the dry dock building program. Eureka was picked as one of their three sites in which to build one large dry dock. In order to meet the requirements of the navy's terrific expansion program the contract was extended until shortly this yard will have delivered 18 complete units. The assignment of this additional work will give C. B. & I. more than another year's work here at Eureka.

BEST IN COUNTRY

"The local building yard has a reputation in the navy of turning out the best docks of any yard in the country. This is possible only because of the quality of workmanship produced by the citizens of Eureka and vicinity who staff the Contractor's organization and make up the majority of the field employees. Many of the local men fill top key positions. All crafts have done a marvelous job, and necessarily have been called upon to meet stiff emergency schedules, and have always come through as required.

"Mr. D. E. Larson has acted as resident manager for C. B. & I. from the inception of the program, and is to be highly complimented on the admirable manner in which he has dispatched his many complex problems, and especially in the organization he has been able to assemble and knit into a unified and well oiled machine. Part of his staff are old company employees, part are from Eureka, and many others have been brought in. Most of them have been here long enough to call Eureka their home.

"Lee Bugg is general superintendent and an old C. B. & I. employee who is responsible for the successful coordination of the efforts of the many crafts in the field. Worthy praise could be given dozens of others for their outstanding services, but space will not permit.

"Our navy office is established as the liaison between the navy and C. B. & I. Co., and is charged with the responsibility of administering and supervising the contract. Because of the particular nature of the contract, it resolves in effect that our organization and that of the contractor are partners in a joint venture whose ultimate aim is the best engineered dry docks possible for the taxpayer's money. In gaining this result, the contractor could not have been more cooperative.

"Our office also is staffed by many capable and loyal employees whose homes were, or are now, here in Eureka. Their efforts are reflected in the naval records, too—those log books which are kept on each dry dock in service as it goes up and down docking broken ships. They can be justly proud of the fine job they are all doing.

"I am very proud of our organization, and that of our partner, the contractor, and look forward with immense pleasure to the months ahead when we will turn over to naval operations the finest dry docks in the service."

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Sgt. William C. Jokela Praised By Work At Superfort Base

Mrs. Helmi Wedige of Bucksport has recently received a letter of appreciation for the fine job her son, T/Sgt. William Clarence Jokela of Eureka, is doing with the 444th Bomb Group at a Superfortress B-29 base in the India-China theatre, the letter coming from Major Arnold J. Wilson, Air Force pilot, Headquarters.

Sgt. Jokela has won his Air Medal and recently received the Oak Leaf Cluster. He is one of the crew members and is flying "The Hump". Jokela has been overseas since March, 1944, and was on the first B-29 raid over Japan owned territory from that base.

Major Wilson's letter to Mrs. Wedige is as follows:

"This letter is but a small effort to convey to you my appreciation of the fine job your son has been doing on our lod crew.

"He has worked without stint, spent endless additional hours in the performance of his duties without the asking, and has proved to be a fearless and completely reliable soldier in combat. The highest compliment I can pay him is that I have never felt it necessary to check personally on his work and the fact that all his duties have been completed to perfection when he says "Ready to go".

"The most interesting fact of all is that all of us are strictly "amateur warriors", working only to get this unfortunate business over with, and yet we have made ourselves through the effort of every man on the crew into one of the best combat teams in the group.

"You can rest assured that he will continue to work, fly and fight with honor and courage, and that I consider myself most fortunate in having been associated with him as one of the boys on old 'Klank Klank'."

Sgt. Jokela enlisted in the Army Air Forces in June, 1942, trained at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and graduated as an airplane mechanic from Lincoln Air Base in Nebraska, in February, 1943. At Chanute Field, Illinois, he graduated as a propeller specialist and while there was listed several times in the Merit Roll as one of the outstanding men of the school, chosen by the Departmnt of Training not alone for scholastic standing but for soldierly bearing, attitude and general effectiveness, in the propeller division.

Then he took advanced training in Tuscon, Arizona, and at the Army Air Base at Great Bend, Kansas. From there he left for overseas duty a year ago.

Jokela has sent home some interesting snap shots of native Indians and Chinese, has visited many interesting places in India on a schedule arranged by the Red Cross . . . such as the Jains temple and the other holy places where one removes one's shoes before entering, also the places where natives burn their dead, the Black Hole of Calcutta, and other famed places.

The only servicemen from Eureka he had met when he last wrote his mother was Alfred Thompson.

Jokela attended Eureka High school and before enlisting was employed by Sig Sampson at his service station.

T/Sgt. William Jokela

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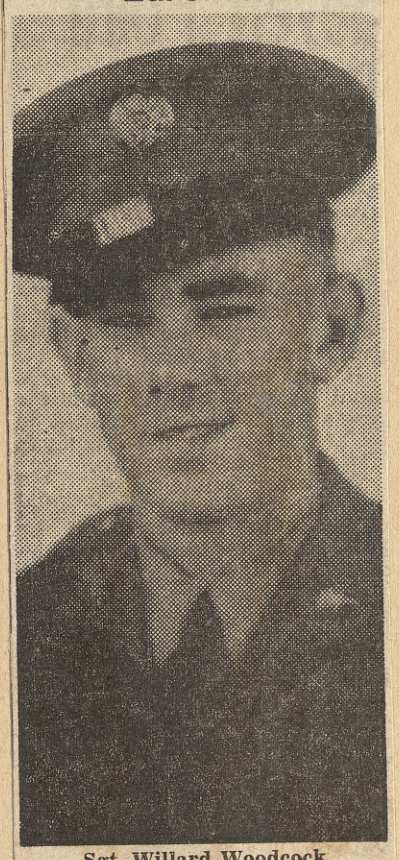
Plane Crashes

Eurekan Killed



Sgt. Willard Woodcock

Sergeant Willard Woodcock, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. "Toss" Woodcock of 1801 H street, was killed in a plane crash in the South Pacific, according to word received by his parents from the War Department.

Sgt. Woodcock, a native of Eureka, was stationed in the New Guinea area as an airplane mechanic with the Army Air Forces. After graduating from the Eureka High school he was employed in the bay area, and enlisted in the Army there almost three years ago.

The young soldier was a brother of the former Janet Woodcock, who left here last Sunday for Vallejo after a visit a visit here. She had been residing in Texas with her husband before he was shipped overseas.

Surviving also are his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hill; an aunt, Miss Anne Woodcock; and uncles Colin and Fred Woodcock and Ken Hill, N. W. P. conductor, all of Eureka. He also leaves several cousins.

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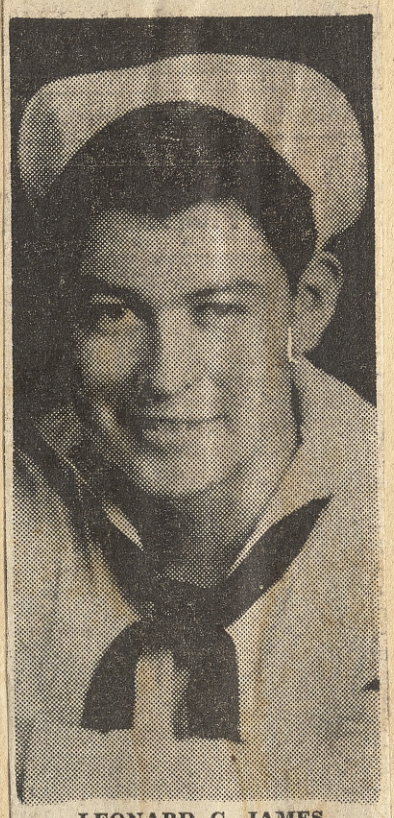
Home On Leave



LEONARD C. JAMES

Home on a 30 day leave is Leonard C. James, RM 2/C, USNR, son of Irving F. James and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Prince of Beatrice.

His ship, a destroyer, took part in action against the enemy on the Marshalls, Admiraltys, New Guinea, Carolines, Marianas, Guam, Palace, second and third raids on Monins, battle of Philippine Sea, Formosa, Leyte Gulf and strikes on the China coast.

Upon expiration of his leave he will report to Shoemaker, California, for reassignment.

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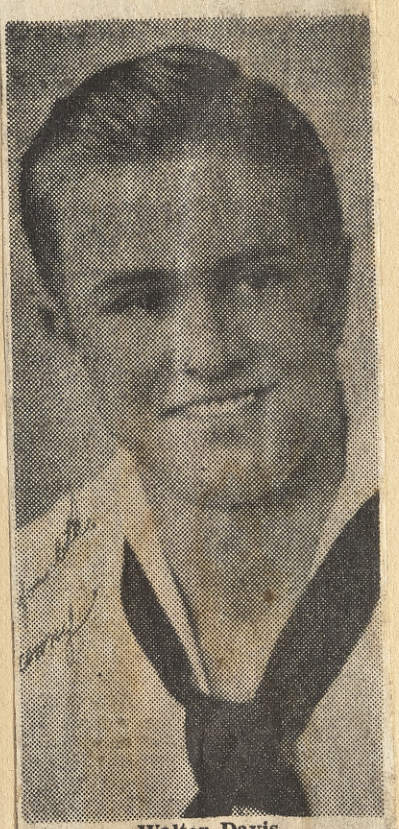
Wins Promotion



Walter Davis

Walter Davis, son of Mrs. Hazel Davis of Petrolia and brother of Mrs. Ed Hunter of Kneeland, has been promoted to the rank of radio technician in the U. S. Navy, according to word received by Mr. and Mrs. James Harsh, 2604 C street, Eureka.

Davis enlisted in the Navy here three days after Pearl Harbor, in the "Avenge Pearl Harbor" class. He went to Honolulu in February, 1942, and has been overseas since that time. He was raised and attended school at Petrolia.

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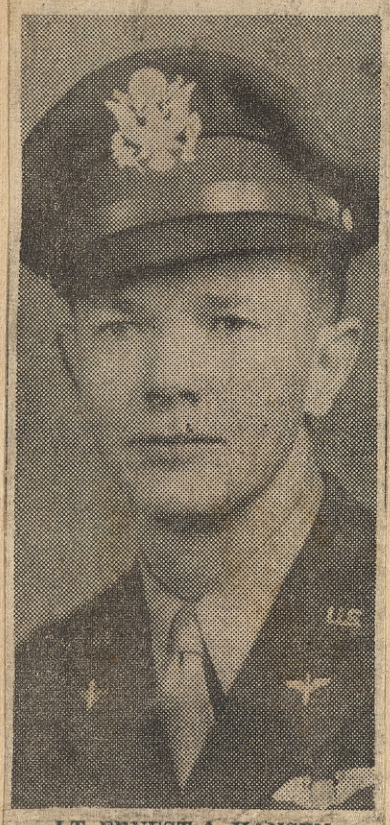
Fortuna Youth

Lost In Action



LT. ERNEST A. HANSEN

FORTUNA, March 9.-Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Hansen of Fortuna were notified by the War Department Wednesday night, their son, Lt. Ernest A. Hansen has been reported missing in action over Germany since February 16.

The young lieutenant is the pilot on a B-17 Flying Fortress with the 8th Air Force, 401st Bombardment Group, in England. Hansen has completed many missions over Germany and has been awarded the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters as well as the Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster.

The latter medal was awarded for extraordinary achievement in piloting the Fortress to a safe landing after it had been crippled on a bombing mission over Germany, November 30.

Lt. Hansen, who is a graduate of the Fortuna High school and Woodbury Business college of Los Angeles, was employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad company in Los Angeles, prior to his enlistment in the Air Force.

He received his advance training at Douglas, Arizona, and left for overseas duty in September, 1944.

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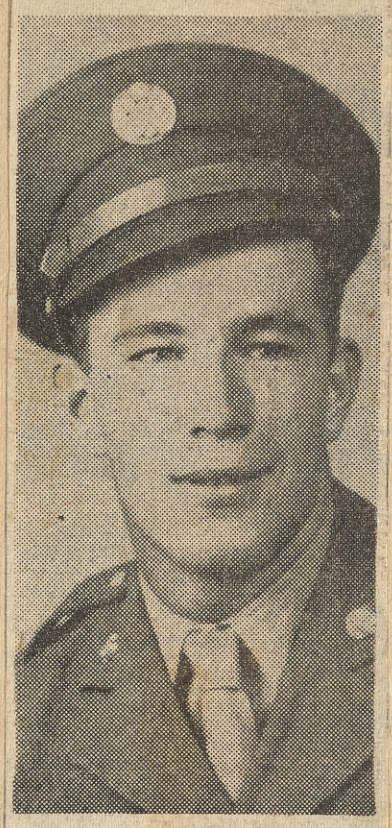
Killed In Action



Staff Sergeant Tony Gomes

Staff Sergeant Tony Gomes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luis Gomes of Ferndale, was killed in action in Germany, February 11, according to word received by his parents from the War Department.

He was wounded December 25 and after 18 days in a hospital he recovered and went back to the fighting front.

Besides his parents he leaves his brother, Ezedro, three sisters, Mary, Evelyn, and Grace. Leaving here on March 9, 1942 he trained with the tank destroyers in Camp Hood, Texas. He was 20 years old and had been overseas for six months.

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Bronze Star

For Eurekan

Technical Sergeant John J. McKay of Eureka has been awarded the bronze star for meritorious achievement in France, Belgium, and Germany, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McKay, 1629 West Avenue, from the War Department.

The citation reads as follows:

"For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an armed enemy from Sept. 12, 1944, to Oct. 9, 1944, in France, Belgium and Germany. As battalion operations sergeant, T. Sgt. McKay performed his normal duties in an excellent manner. He voluntarily assumed the responsibility of submitting shelling reports, a duty of extreme importance in keeping counter-battery fire on his unit gun positions to a minimum and one which was dispatched most accurately and rapidly as T. Sgt. McKay frequently entered areas still under artillery fire in order to obtain information to expedite his work. Throughout the period T. Sgt. McKay in addition to performing his normal duties, acted as battalion operations sergeant and sergeant major of a provisional truck battalion of as many as 400 vehicles and 800 persons. T. Sgt. McKay operated the headquarters of this unit, including all records and dispatches which had previously required two qualified operation sergeants, with the help of but one enlisted clerk. In addition to this duty, he supervised and assisted in the installation and maintenance of signal communications. He voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own personal safety assumed the responsibility of delivering urgent messages that required travel through an area covered by heavy enemy small arms fire. His unselfish devotion to duty, personal courage, and willingness to accept more than his share of the work to be done was an inspiration to the men with whom he worked and contributed tremendously toward relieving the critical supply and ammunition shortage which existed during the period."

Before entering the army, T. Sgt. McKay was employed by Frank Freleigh and Walter Smith of the Electric Motor Shop.

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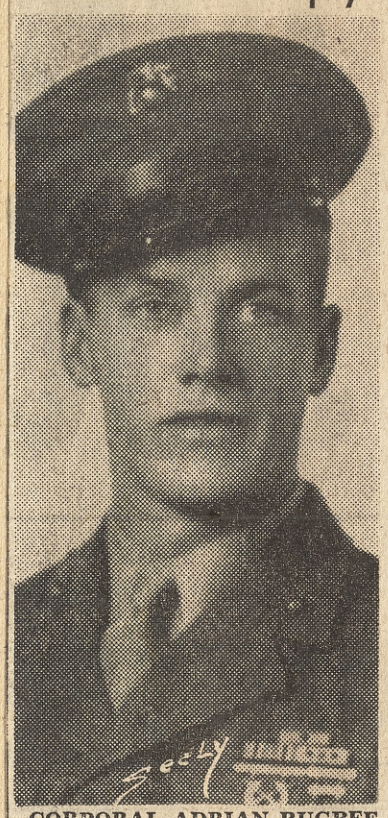
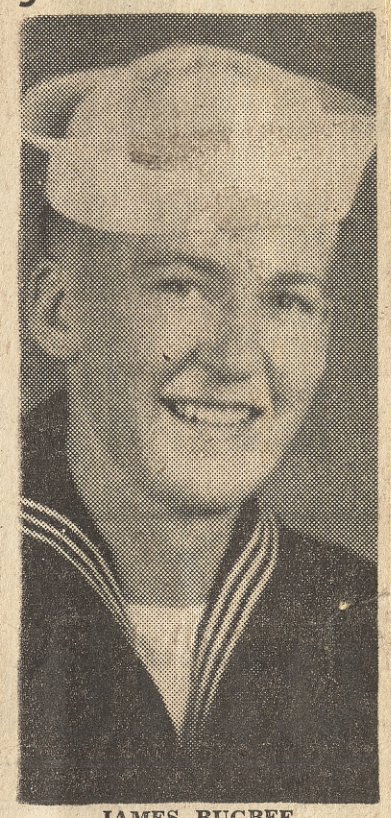
Ferndale Brothers In Service

Enjoying Visit With Parents



CORPORAL ADRIAN BUGBEE



JAMES BUGBEE

FERNDALE, March 12.- Corporal Adrian Bugbee, Marine Air Corps, and James Bugbee, S 2/c U. S. Navy, have been enjoying a few days leave at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bugbee.

Adrian returned two months ago from sixteen months duty in the south Pacific and is now stationed at El Toco Marine Air Base at Santa Ana. James has just graduated from fire control school at San Diego and will report for assignment at Bremerton.

They are both graduates of the Ferndale high school.

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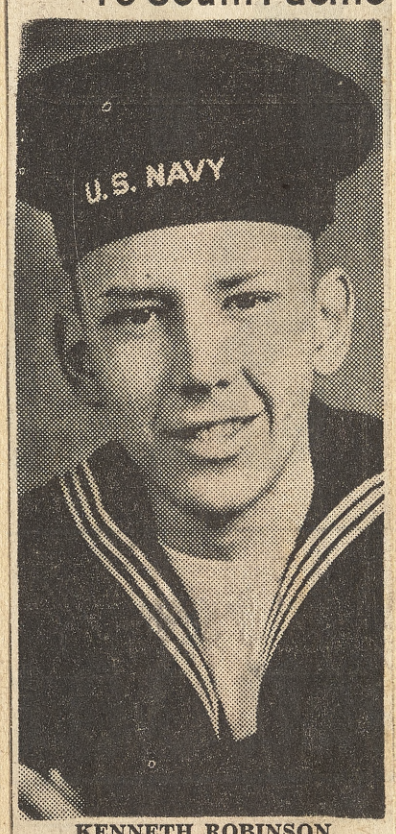
Goes Overseas

To South Pacific



KENNETH ROBINSON

Kenneth Robinson, fireman 2/c in the U S. Navy, only son of Mrs. Josephine Robinson of Weitchpec, has been sent overseas and is on duty somewhere in the South Pacific, according to word received by his mother.

Robinson entered the naval service a year and a half ago and trained at Farragut, Idaho, for several months then at Hueimia and The Palms, California. He is a grandson of Mrs. Nellie Cooper of Weitchpec, and attended school at Weitchpec and at Sherman Institute at Riverside.

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Weott Youth

Coast Guard

WILLIAM L. BANFILL

Coast Guardsman William L. Banfill, seaman first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Banfill of Weott, recently disembarked at a west coast port following more than 24 months of duty in Hawaiian waters, according to report from Coast Guard headquarters.

He has been aboard various Coast Guard vessels guarding the sea lanes for invading ships. Before entering the service he was employed by the Crown Parts and Machine Works at Ukiah, and enlisted from there in 1942.

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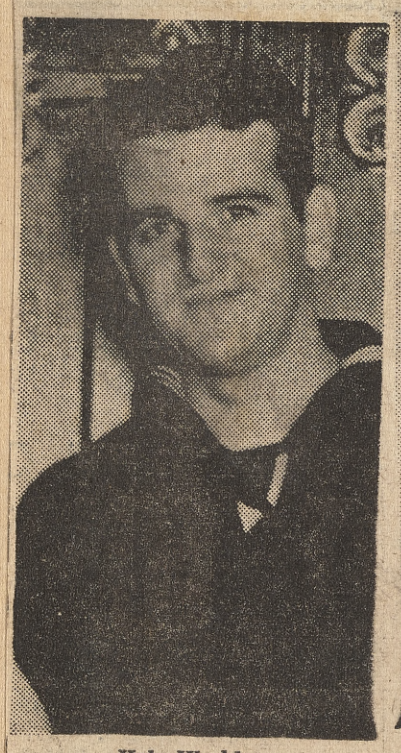
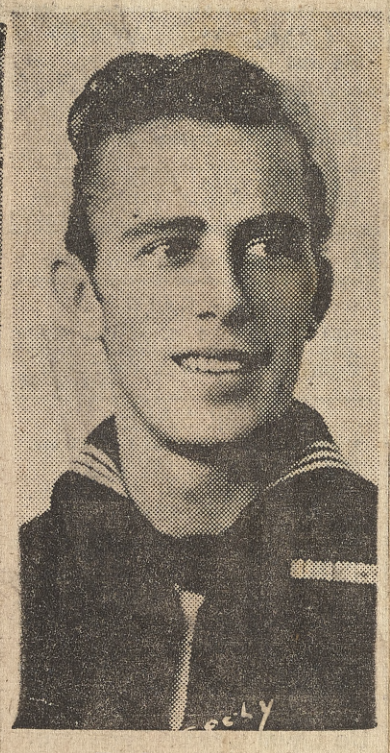
Return To Service After Blue Lake Visit



Hale Washburn



Charles M. Thurow

BLUE LAKE, March 10. - Charles H. Thurow, CM 3/c, and Hale Washburn, both with the Seabees, have returned to Camp Parks for reassignment after spending a 30-day furlough with Thurow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Thurow, and other relatives.

Both men have served with the same unit in the southwest Pacific for 23 months. They have been engaged in preparing airstrips and advance bases for the Navy, traveling from Australia to New Guinea and the Netherlands East Indies.

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High Honors

Officer's School

ENSIGN MERRITT A. NEALE

Ensign Merritt A. Neale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percival J. Neale, 1360 I street ,left Saturday for San Francisco where he will report this week for naval assignment, after spending a 10-day leave in Eureka.

Ensign Neale has just finished the officer's training course at Camp Endicott, Rhode Island. With James Roscoe and Guy Keith, also of Eureka, he completed a course in engineering at the School of Engineering, University of Oklahoma, last October.

He was one of the ten highest in the graduating class in engineering an honor also shared by the other two local boys. He has been awarded membership in the fraternity known as "Peet," the honorary campus society of Oklahoma U, which picked the 10 highest men out of approximately 7,000 for this honor.

He also has been elected to the highest engineering honor society in the country, known as Tau Beta Pi, and to membership in Sigma Tau. He has been 21 months in the service.

A sister of Ensign Neale, Helen Ann McClure, is in the WACs and left Sunday, March 4, for Des Moines for basic training.

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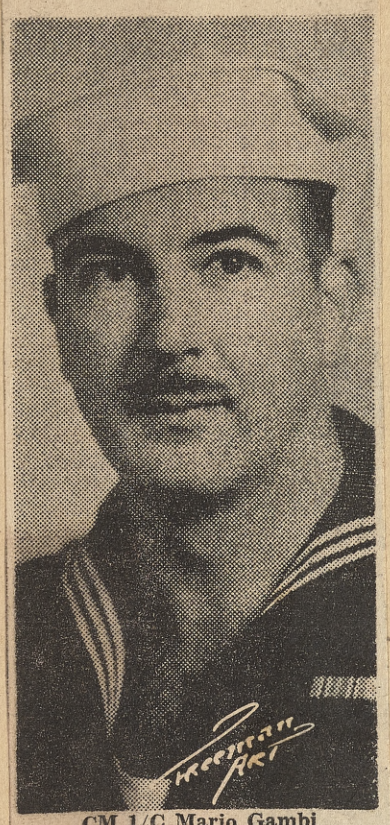
Visiting Home



CM 1/C Mario Gambi

Visiting home on leave is Carpenter's Mate First Class Mario Gambi, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Gambi of Willow Creek and brother of Mrs. S. P. Burre and Peter Gambi of Eureka.

Gambi, in the service for 32 months and overseas 29 months, was anxious to get home for some steelhead fishing. He got in a few days just before the close of the season last month.

Gambi fished in the south Pacific but says the tropical fish are too laggy—no fight.

In the South Pacific Gambi took part in the Gilberts and Marshalls campaigns.

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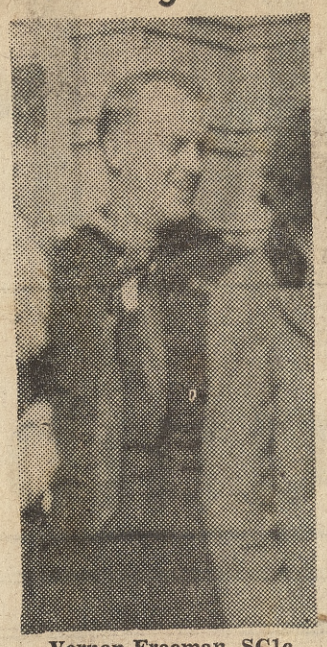
Visiting Home



Vernon Freeman, SC1c

Having served two years on a minesweeper in the South Pacific, Vernon Freeman, shipcook 1c, of San Rafael recently visited his mother, Mrs. William Zigler of 840 L street before returning to duty today. His brothers, Earl and Russell Freeman, are with the Seabees in the Marianas.

A veteran of three invasions, including Leyte, he wears five battle stars, was hospitalized two months. His ship was lost during the Leyte invasion and the crew returned to the United States for reassignment.

Mrs. A. Camilla of Spruce Point, sister of the veteran, recently gave a party for him at her home. Guests were his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Hilmer Olsen, his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sanderson, Mrs. Earl Freeman, Mrs. Russell Freeman and Frank Camilli.

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Wins Promotion

HUGH E. KELLY

Staff Sgt. Hugh E. Kelly, who is serving with General Patches seventh Army, Armored Infantry division in France, was recently promoted to that rank. Kelly received his first promotion to sergeant when he went overseas in October 1944 as a private first class.

During his overseas assignment, the sergeant has seen much active duty including participation in the American counteroffensive which forestalled the German breakthrouhg in Belgium.

He is the son of County Surveyor and Mrs. Frank Kelly of Eureka.

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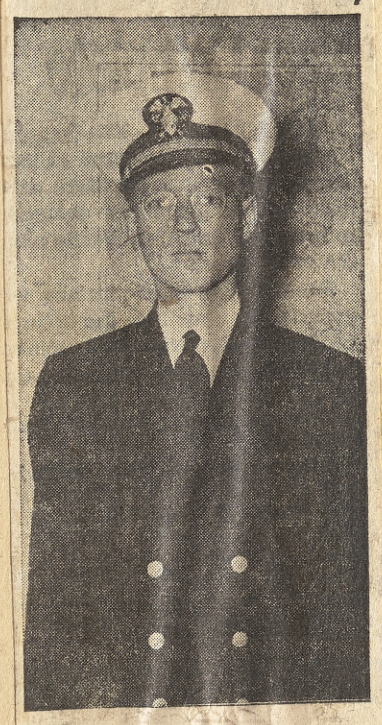
Former Eurekan

Combat Duty



Lt. Donald Telford

A former Eurekan, Lt. Donald H. Telford, with the Naval Air Transport in the South Pacific area, had recently returned from a tour of combat duty in the Pacific where he was assigned to the staff of Rear Admiral Gerald F. Bogan, commanding officer of the largest task group in one of the Navy's fast carrier task forces, according to a government release.

Lt. Telford served as photographic interpretation officer aboard an Essex-type carrier under Admiral Brogan's command. In six months time the task force to which Telford was assigned sank, probably sank or damaged 544 Jap ship of which 65 were combat vessels, totaling 1,057,900 tons; their planes shot down 523 Jap planes and destroyed hundreds on the ground.

Lt. Telford participated in action at Guam, Tinian, Palau, Peleliu, the Philippines, Formosa, French Indo-China, Hong Kong and Okinawa Gunto.

The officer was for two years sales manager of radio station KIEM and then manager of KUIN radio station at Grants Pass, Oregon, before entering the Navy in 1941. He is a graduate of Oregon State college. Lt. Telford previously had been assigned with the Commander Air Force, South Pacific, at Guadalcanal and Espirito Santo.

His wife, the former Lydette Everard of Pasadena, lives in San Diego.

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On Furlough

T Sgt. Frank Volpi

SCOTIA, March 13 - After three years in the Central Pacific war theater, Technical Sgt. Frank P. Volpi is home on furlough to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Volpi, and sister, Olga, of Scotia.

Stationed for a time in Hawaii, Sgt. Volpi has be. . on the office staff with the 7th Air Forces in the Marianas. He formerly worked for the Pacific Lumber company, is a graduate of Fortuna High school.

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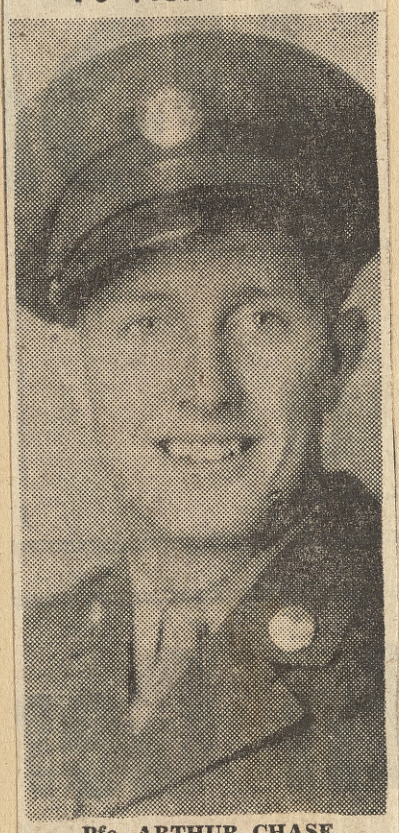
To Visit Home



Pfc. ARTHUR CHASE

Expected home this week on furlough is Private First Class Arthur C. ase, according to wire received by his mother, Mrs. May Chase, 3343 N street, Eureka.

Chase has recently graduated from the Army Air Force gunnery school at Kingman, Arizona. He enlisted in the Army in 1943 but was granted permission to finish school, and graduated from Eureka high school in June, 1944.

He left for training in July of last year.

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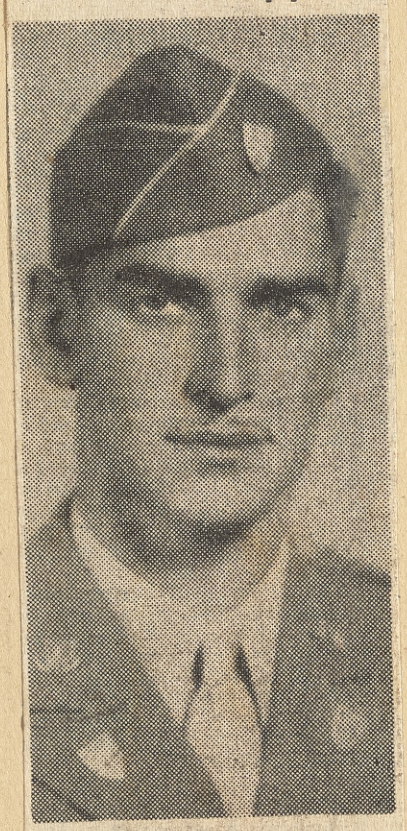
Drowned

In Philippines



Louis Shepherd, T-4

ARCATA, March 14.-Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shepherd of Arcata have received word recently that their son, Louis B. Shepherd, technician fourth grade, with the army in the Philippines, was drowned at Leyte earlier this mont' Shepherd was a cousin of General James Doolittle, who had visited the Shepherd home as a youth.

Louis (Bud) Shepher' was born in Humboldt county, attended school here, and served six years in the California National Guard. Entering the army soon after Pearl Harbor he had served with the infantry in many Pacific islands.

Surviving are his wife, Jacqueline, who is employed in the Samoa office of the Hamm nd Lumber Company; a brother, Ray Shepherd, and his parents.

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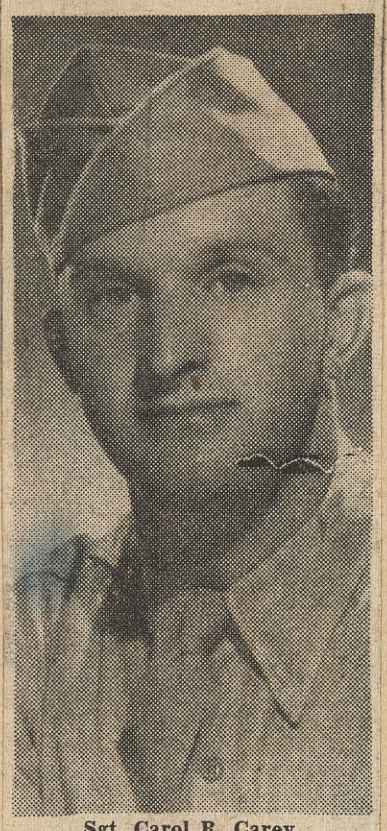
In New York



Sgt. Carol R. Carey

T-4 Sgt. Carol R. Carey of Eureka, who has served with the Army in Alaska after entering the Army two years ago, is now in New York with the Army Service Forces, Plant Engineering Agency.

Sgt. Carey's parents are Mr. and Mrs Robert E. Carey of Eureka, and he is a borther of Lee, Stacey and Duane Carey of Eureka and Pvt. Loren Carey with the Quartermaster Corps, now at a rest camp at Leyte after service in Alaska, the Marshall Islands and the Leyte invasion.

A letter from Col. Will V. Parker, Signal Corps, who is Sgt. Carey's commanding officer, has been received recently by Carey's parents. Excerpts from the letter include:

"Your son, as a member of the Plant Engineering Agency, is engaged in the very important work of installing and maintaining worldwide communications, radio aids to aerial navigation and meteorological equipment for the Army and Air Forces. He is a member of a large organization that is operating in all parts of the world and which includes some of the best communications men in the field. Besides doing important work he is undoubtedly learning a great deal and having experiences that will be helpful to him in his future endeavor when the war is safely over.

"We feel sure that you frequently miss your son and wish he were happily home with you. Such a desire is most understandable and is also shared by us. We believe there must be considerable comfort to you, however, in being proud of your son and knowing he is doing a full part and a man's part in this national emergency."

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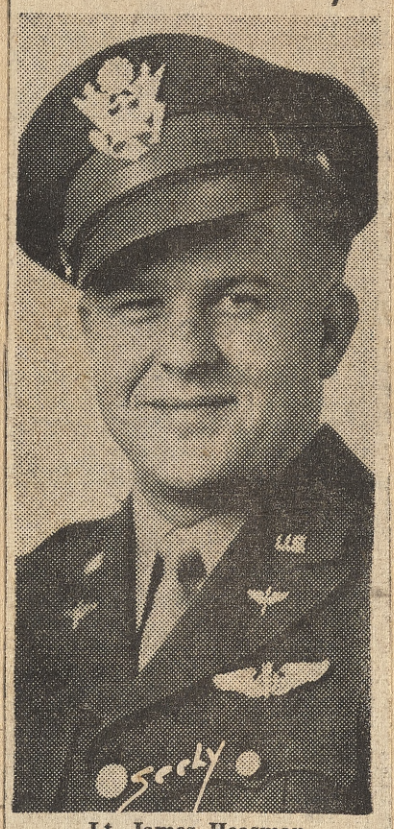
Additional Training

For Eureka Flyer



Lt. James Heasman

After being home on leave for 15 days, 2nd Lt. James Heasman, AAF bombardier, has returned to Carlsbad, New Mexico, Army Air Field to be assigned for additional training at a field within the United States.

Lt. Heasman was commissioned at Carlsbad last month and stood fourth highest in the cadet graduating class only three Army sergeants, who had returned from overseas duty to take the extra training, getting higher marks.

The young officer is a Eureka High graduate and attended Humboldt State college before going into the Army Air Force. He visited here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Heasman, and sister, Barbara, at 1433 G street.

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Concludes Leave

Seaman Lester Eveland

Lester Eveland, seaman first class, has returned to base in San Francisco after a recent leave in Eureka. He visited his wife, Hazel, of 1427 Albee street, and their infant daughter, Merlinna Mae, whom the seaman saw for the first time.

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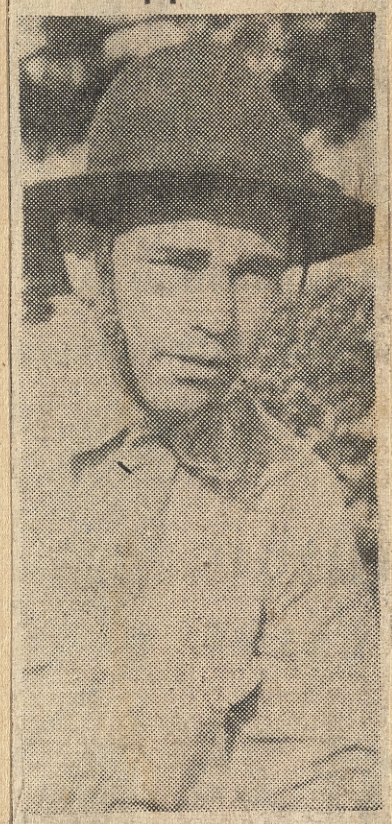
Killed In Action

Philippine Islands



PVT. EDWIN DREW

Pvt. Edwin Drew, 28, serving with the First Cavalry Division, was killed in action February 21 at Manila, Philippine Islands, according to word just received by his relatives.

Pvt. Drew has been in the Army since February, 1942, trained at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and Camp Hale, Colorado, before going overseas two years ago. He had served in New Guinea, the Admiralty Islands and Australia. Before entering the Army he was employed by the California Barrel company, Arcata.

Surviving relatives are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Drew of 1726 Sunny avenue; brothers and sisters, Mrs. Rufus Willhoite and Lawrence Drew of Eureka, Mrs. Carl Eades of Rohnerville, Mrs. Charles Moore of Santa Cruz, Staff Sgt. Glenn Heavey, now in New Guinea.

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Killed In Action

Pvt. Eugene Hill

Pvt. Eugene Hill, who lived in Eureka until 1938 when the family moved to Oakland, was killed February 22 on Leyte, according to word received by his grandfather, Alfred Sunfors of Eureka. He had been in the Army since November, 1942.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hill of Oakland; brothers, Cpl. Louis Hill in India and Pfc. Stuart Hill of the Army; sister, Mrs. Julius Nohr of Crofton, Nebraska; grandmother, Mrs. George Hill of Portland, Oregon.

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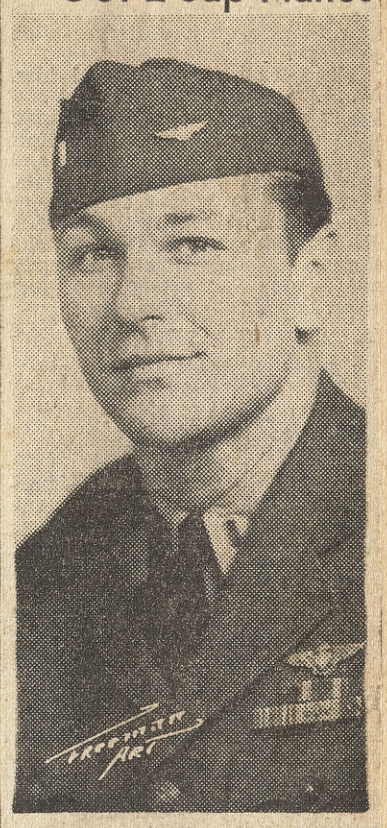
Freshwater Flyer

Got 2 Jap Planes



LT. (JG) GERALD A. COEUR

Lieutenant Gerald A. (Jerry) Coeur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Coeur of Freshwater, is visiting home on leave after several months of chasing Japs in the southwest Pacific.

Lt. Coeur is a U. S. Navy flyer and is a member of Fighting Squadron Eleven on the aircraft carrier, U. S. S. Hornet. He has participated in numerous engagements and is credited with shooting down two Japanese planes in his fighter.

The carrier Hornet has one of the most impressive records in the fleet, including 102 enemy planes destroyed in the air, 18 probables, 567 planes destroyed on the ground, 1 destroyer, 3 destroyer escorts sunk, and one heavy cruiser, 2 light cruisers, 16 destroyers, 5 destroyers escorts, and 1 destroyer tender, damaged. Planes of the Hornet have sunk 27,350 tons of Japanese Merchant shipping and damaged 285,000 tons of enemy Merchant shipping.

Lt. Coeur is a graduate of the Eureka High school.

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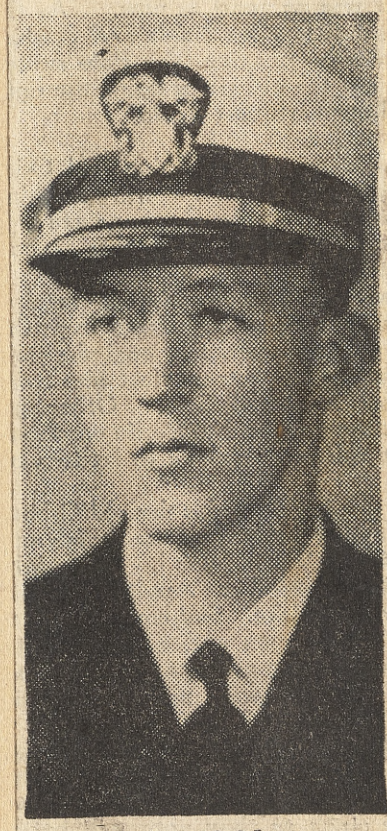
Home On Leave



Lt. Harold Adams

After three years in the Naval Reserve, Lt. Harold W. Adams is home from a year's duty in the Pacific area on a minesweaper. He is on 10-day leave to visit his parents, H. W. Adams, superintendent of Eureka schools, and Mrs. Adams, 1023 Huntoon street.

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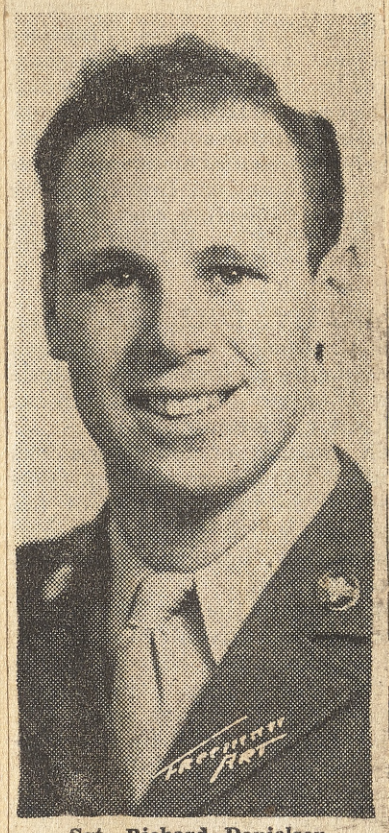
ON FURLOUGH



Sgt. Richard Danielson

Sgt. Richard Danielson, who is with the Army Air Forces Ordnance at Jackson, Mississippi, is home on 15-day furlough to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Danielson, and sister, Clara Rae, of Eureka.

Danielson, formerly with an ordnance training company in Florida, was reassigned last September to a Medium Maintenance company and has been training for 17 weeks at Jackson. He spent two months at Aberdeen Proving Grounds and recently graduated from electricians school for tracked and wheeled vehicles.

At the end of his furlough Sgt. Danielson will return to his organization at Jackson.

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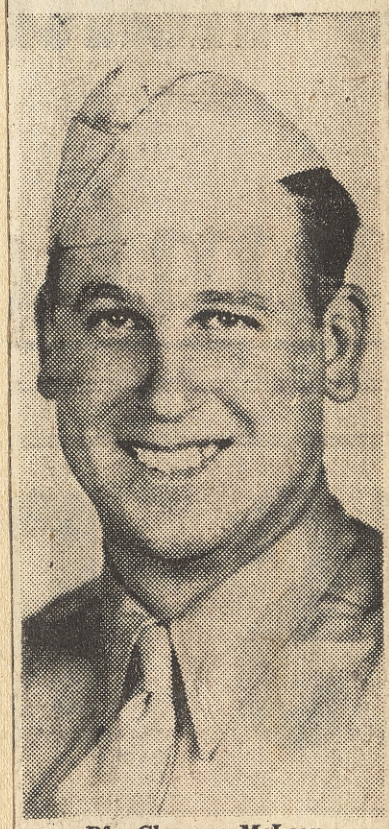
Wounded In Action



Pfc. Clarence McLean

Pfc. Clarence McLean, former manager of the Fourth and H street Shell station and a catcher for the Eureka Merchants baseball team, has been wounded in action in France January 25.

McLean was serving with an infantry unit, 7th Army, commanded by General Patch. He was sent to southern France to recuperate.

McLean's wife, Mervelyn, lives at Fort Bragg where he was employed before entering the Army.

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Eureka Brothers In Service

One Recently Named Lieutenant

CALVIN ENGLE, RM 2c

LT. ELLIS ENGLE

Lt. Ellis Engle of Eureka has just recently been promoted from second to first lieutenant and is now stationed in Australia after two years overseas, and his brother, Radioman 2c Calvin Engle, in the Navy two years, is in New London, Connecticut, taking submarine training. Lt. Engle is with the Army Engineers, Amphibious.

Radioman Calvin Engle, 22, attended school here and trained at San Diego, New York, Chicago, Maryland, in Del Monte and on Treasure Island.

Lt. Engle helped survey for the new bridges over the Eel River and was junior highway engineer working out of Yreka before entering the Army three years ago. He trained at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Fort Lewis, Washington, in Florida and Massachusetts. Since going overseas two years ago he has seen service on the Solomons, Buna, Finchhaven Lae and Australia.

The young men are sons of Mrs. Philip (Amy) Mostovoy of Eureka.

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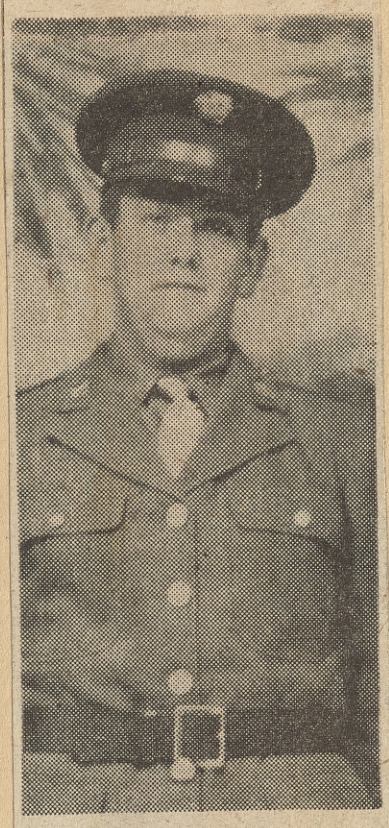
Killed On Leyte



Pfc. C. A. Reynolds

While serving with an infantry unit inside Germany, Pfc. Cyrus A. (Ben) Reynolds of Eureka was killed in action March 2, according to word received by his parents, Cyrus Reynolds and Mrs. Charles Webb of 4201 Little Fairfield street.

Pvt. Reynolds was born 22 years ago at Fortuna, attended school at Petrolia and the Eureka High school. In civilian life he was employed by the Hammond Lumber company betore entering the Army in December, 1942. He trained at Camp Howze in Texas and Camp Clairborne in Louisiana.

Also surviving are his sister and brother, Ellen Reynolds and Albert W. Reynolds of Eureka.

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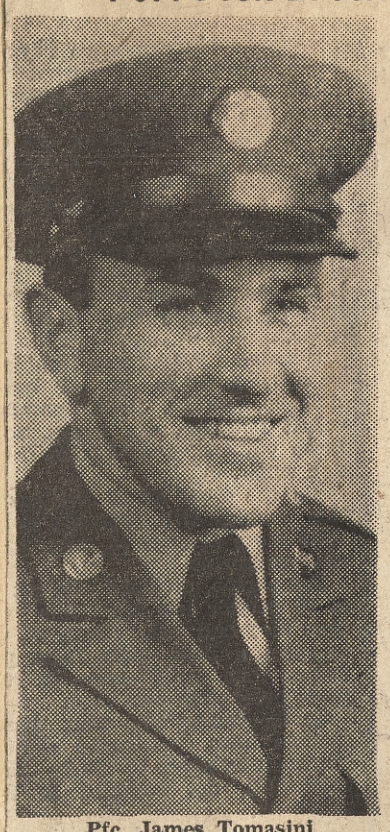
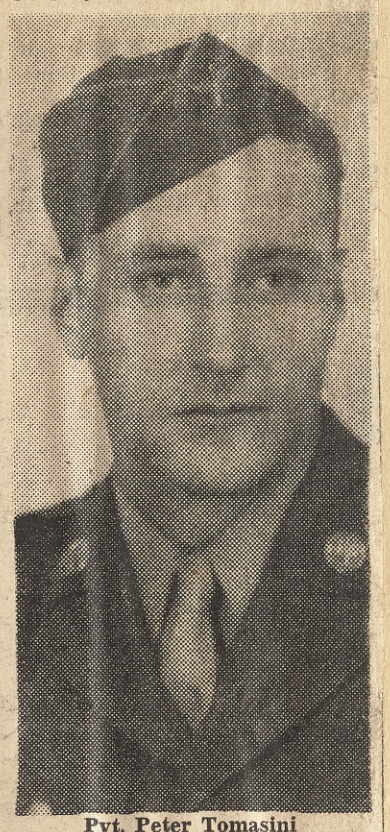
Fort Dick Brothers Visit Home



Pfc. James Tomasini



Pvt. Peter Tomasini

Pfc. James and Pvt. Peter Tomasini, formerly of Fork Dick, have recently visited their wives and father, Andrew Tomasini.

Pfc. Tomasini has reported to Camp Beale for reassignment. He participated in the battles of North Africa, Sicily, Salerno, Anzio, Southern France and Germany, 24 months of combat service. He has been in the Army three and a half years.

Pvt. Peter Tomasini, in the Army 16 months, will soon graduate as a flight engineer of a bomber group from school at Amarillo, Texas. His wife and son, Richey, live at Fort Dick.

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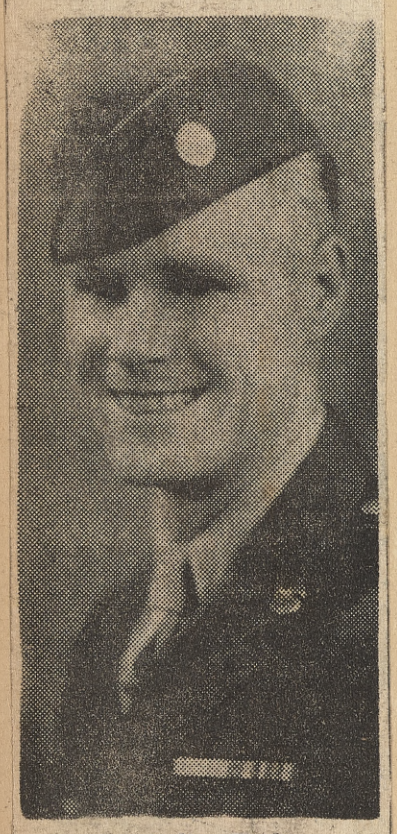
Gets Promotion



Cpl. Delton Henley

SCOTIA, March 15.-Formerly a private first class in the Army overseas, Corporal Delton R. Henley of Scotia has recently been advanced to his present rank. In the Army since June, 1941, Henley has been overseas, 29 months in Africa and Italy.

Cpl. Henley's parents are Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Henley of Scotia. His brothers, Edward and Joseph Henley, enlisted at the same time and have recently received medical discharges. They all served in the 30th Infantry Division.

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Home On Leave

Chief Frank Endert

After 22 months of combat duty in European and Mediterranean regions Frank Endert, chief motor machinist mate in the Navy is home on 30-day leave to visit his wife and sons, Rickey and Roger, of Eureka and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Endert of Crescent City.

Chief Endert is entitled to wear campaign ribbons of the African-Middle East-European areas with five Bronze Stars indicating major engagements at Tunisia, Sicily, Salerno, Anzio and Normandy as well as the American Theater ribbon.

He has been in active naval service three years after training at Cleveland, Ohio, Norfolk, Virginia, and Los Angeles. He went overseas with the invasion forces. Chief Endert will be reassigned at New Orleans, Louisiana, to the Pacific theater.

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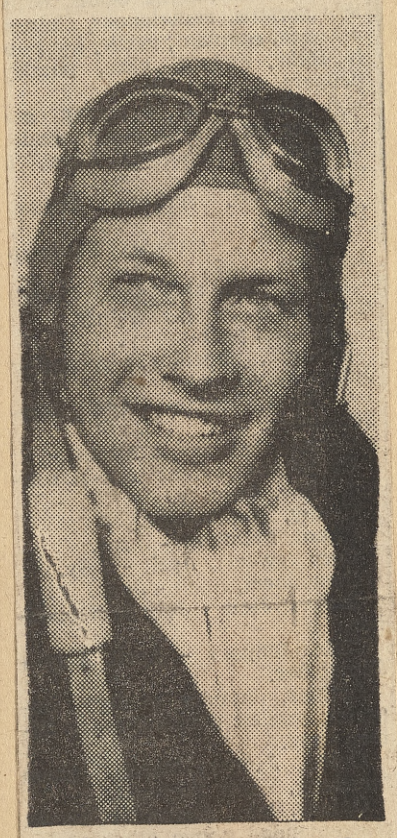
Wins Commission



LT. WESLEY E. NISSEN

FERNDALE, March 19. - Wesley E. Nissen, former Eurekan, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces, receiving his wings last week at Pecos, Texas. He is now visiting in Ferndale with his wife and son, Rickey, who has been living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jens Jorgensen.

The young officer is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Hans (Ted) Nissen of Richmond and a grandson of Mrs. Mette Nissen of Ferndale. He is a nephew of Ed Lax, 3134 K street, Eureka.

Accompanied by his family, he will go to the bay cities to spend this week before returning to Pecos for special training as an instructor.

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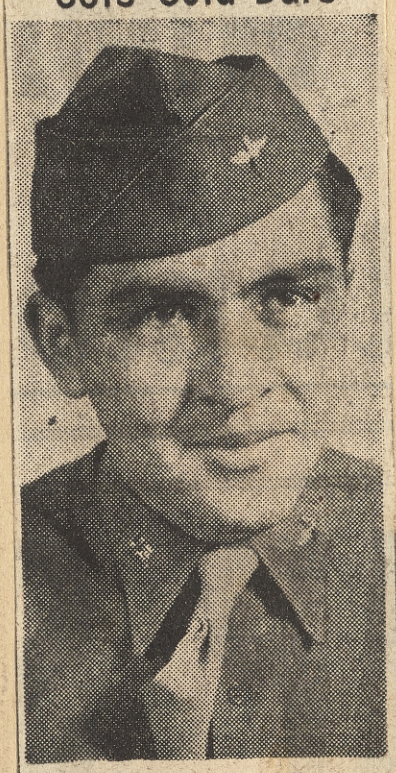
Gets Gold Bars



Lt. Baron D. Risling

2nd Lt. Baron D. Risling of Hoopa graduated March 11 from Foster Field, Texas, and received his commission while Texas observed Foster Field Day by proclamation of Gov. Coke Stevenson.

Graduating were the members of the 35th and last class of aviation cadets to become the only installation in the AAF Central Flying Training Command to train more than 35 classes of fledgling pilots in the advanced single-engine airplane.

From now on Foster Field's mission is an AAF Fighter Gunnery School whose students are veteran pilots from all air forces, and a P-40 Transition and Gunnery School.

Lt. Risling's parents are Mr. and Mrs. David Risling of Hoopa.

Tues Mar 20-1945

ENLISTS In WAC

Pvt. Pauline V. Walker

Pvt. Pauline V. Walker of Eureka, who enlisted in the Women's Army Corps through the Santa Rosa office and was sworn in last Saturday, is home on inactive duty. Later this week Pvt. Walker expects to leave for Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, where she will train as a surgical technician.

The new WAC graduated from high school at LaPlata, Missouri, and has lived eight years in Eureka. She has been employed at a Gilmore service station and before that worked in several pictures in Hollywood at the Republic Studio and also in radio studios in southern California.

Her brother, Cloyd Smoot, is a seaman second class in the Navy, and her father is living in Missouri.

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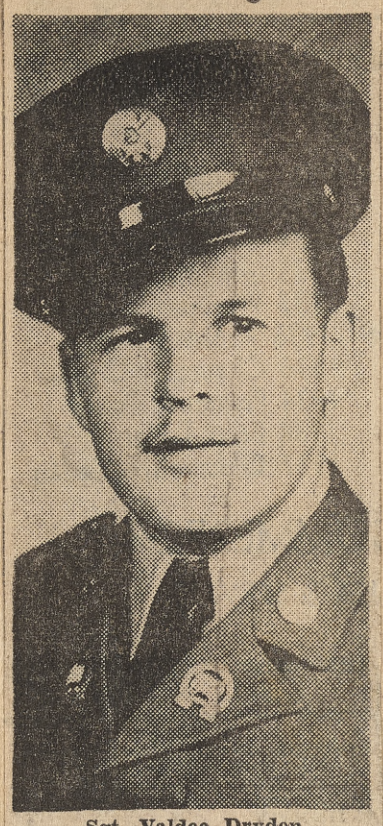
Named Sergeant



Sgt. Valdee Dryden

Sgt. Valdee C. Dryden of Trinidad, formerly a private first class in the Army MPEG Division, overseas, has recently been advanced to his present rank.

Sgt. Dryden enlisted in August, 1939, trained at Fort Lewis, Washington, several southern California army camps and completed training at Florence, Arizona.

Leaving the United States in July, 1943, he served in Africa and Italy, was hospitalized once and is now serving with the infantry in France.

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Gets Battle Stars

DONALD CUNNINGHAM

Private First Class Donald Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Cunningham, 2742 B street, Eureka, has been awarded two Battle Stars for service in two combat zones. Pvt. Cunningham is a member of quartermaster unit of the 13th AAF service command in the southwest Pacific. He has been on foreign duty for 14 months.

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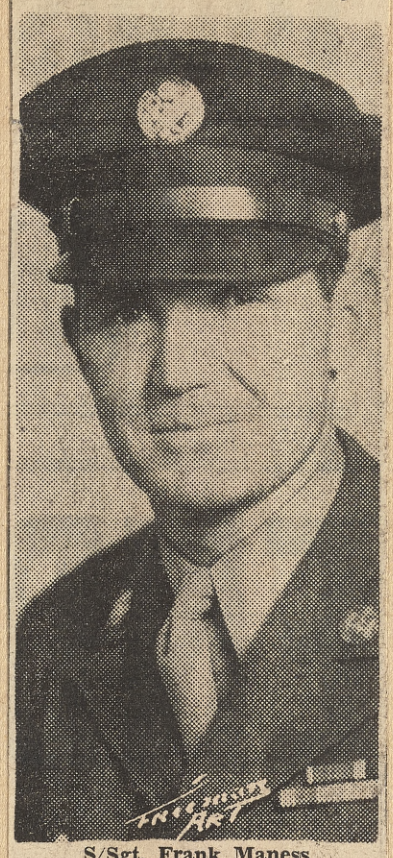
Returns To Camp



S/Sgt. Frank Maness

Staff Sgt. Frank J. Maness of Cedar Edge, Colorado, recently came back from the European war theater after 32 months service with the Army Engineers and visited relatives in Humboldt county, was married here Wednesday evening. Tomorrow he and his bride will leave for Colorado to visit his people and he will later he reassigned to duty across the Atlantic.

The veteran engineer has been awarded the Legion of Merit, wears five campaign stars and the Purple Heart. Last summer he was hospitalized for three weeks after being wounded by shrapnel. He served through the Africa campaign, part of the Sicily campaign and in Italy where he was with the Air Forces helping to build landing fields. He went overseas in July, 1942.

Sgt. Maness won the Legion of Merit, which was established in November, 1942, to recognize extraordinary fidelity and essential service in a position of responsibility and is conferred on outstanding officers and enlisted men.

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Eurekan Killed

On Italian Front

Pfc. Gilbert Madsen

Word has just been received by Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph B. Matsen of 3125 California street that their nephew, Pfc. Gilbert John Madsen, was killed in action in Italy, March 3.

Pvt. Madsen entered the Army in July, 1943, and trained at Camp Abbott, Oregon, and at Camp Hale, Colorado. He was transferred to Camp Swift, Texas, where he trained with the 10th Light Division and went overseas in December, 1944.

In civilian life Pvt. Madsen was employed by the Holmes Eureka Lumber company for two years. He was a member of Sons of Norway Fram lodge and of Eagles lodge.

Born in Norway 24 years ago, Madsen lived here with his uncle and aunt. His parents are still living in Norway.

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Returns Home

Takes Bride

Cpl. Melvin Shuster

Cpt. Melvin Shuster is returning to Sheppard Field, Texas, to be reassigned after being in Eureka to visit his wife, Sue.

For six months he had been on detached service attending Eastern Signal Corps School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Prior to that he was at Sheppard Field, where he was on permanent party for 14 months.

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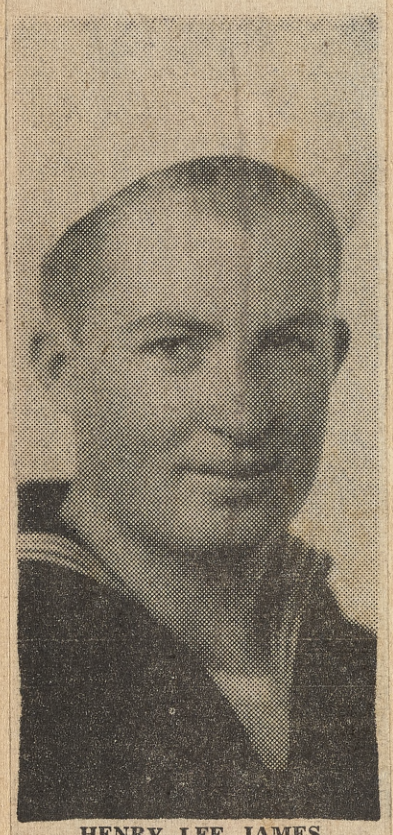
Visiting Mother



HENRY LEE JAMES

Accompanied by his wife, Pauline, and daughter, Henry Lee James, seaman 1/c of the U. S. navy, is home on leave visiting his mother, Mrs. Louise James, 1303 I street.

James recently held a reunion with two service friends, William "Bill" Skelly, who served for 18 months in the Marshalls, and Don Christensen, veteran of air action over Germany.

He is a graduate of the Eureka schools, and is a native of this city.

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Commended

By General

Pvt. L. A. DeVore

BLUE LAKE, March 22.-Pvt. Lawrence A. DeVore, with the 10th Division, 5th Army, has been commended by Major General George P. Hayes for action while under enemy fire in Italy.

His wife, Jean, and mother, Mrs. Grover Knudsen, live at Blue Lake.

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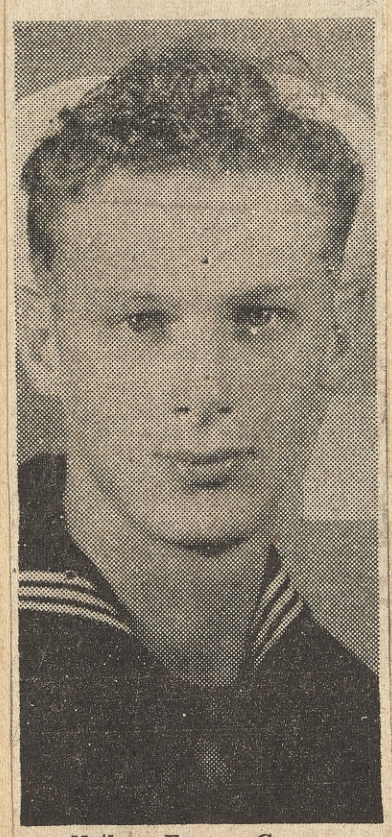
Navy Veteran

Visiting Wife



Nathan Frazer, Gunner

Nathan Frazier, who has served in the Atlantic and South Pacific combat areas with the navy, is hame on leave to visit his wife, May, and infant daughter, Diane, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Gunderson of 916 R street.

Frazer is a gunner serving with the armed guards.

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Eureka Seabee

Now Coxswair

David Ford

David Ford of Eureka recently has been advanced from seaman first class to coxwain of the Seabees, according to word received here.

Ford has been in the Hawaiian Islands since he left San Diego in August 1944, where he was transferred from the Navy.

Before entering the service, Ford was employed by Louis Hess of Eureka. He has a wife and two babies here.

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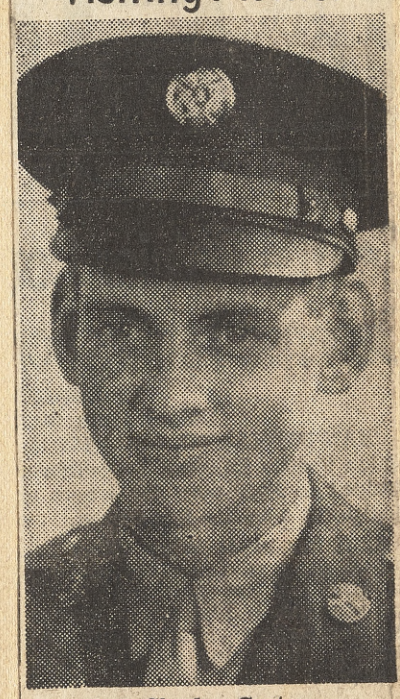
Visiting Mother



Pvt. Charles Grotzman

On 30-day furlough after 18 months overseas service, Pvt. Charles Grotzman, former Humboldter, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Doris Grotzman of Palo Alto and his sister, Ethel Grotzman.

An expert rifleman, Pvt. Grotzman served in England, France, Belgium and Germany, was wounded last October in Belgium. He was hospitalized four months in England, returned to the United States several weeks ago and was in a Boston hospital before being transferred for hospitalization in Colorado Springs. He will report back to Colorado when his furlough is over.

Before enlisting in the Army in September, 1943, Pvt. Grotzman attended Arcata High school. He went overseas in August, 1944.

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Eye-Witness Story Of Historic Rhine Crossing

BY CLINTON B. CONGER
United Press War Correspondent

WITH AMERICAN NINTH ARMY, March 24. - (UP) - The American Ninth Army drove across the Rhine at 2 a. m. today and headed for Berlin.

I came across the Rhine with our infantry and after two hours on the west bank of the great river not a single casualty had been reported by the group which I accompanied.

Opposition was so light that hopes were running high among the American men and officers that they were engaged in the war's last campaign in Europe.

Battalion after battalion of our forces are pouring across the broad Rhine, which is slow-flowing at this crossing point.

Our assault boats are chugging back and forth across the river, spilling troops on the "Berlin bank" as fast as they can be shuttled across.

Ahead of us American and British glider and parachutists of the First Allied Airborne Army already had landed well beyond the river.

And in our area British Commandos had silently slipped across the river about four hours before the general H-hour.

NOT YET ENGAGED

The main German forces on the west bank of the river have not yet engaged us. They are known to include the remnants of the crack German 1st Paratroop Army. Possibly they are being held back while the Nazi command tries to figure out where the main weight of our attack will fall.

My crossing of the river was almost an anti-climax after the days and hours of tense waiting. In the hours before the kick-off possibly the world's greatest artillery barrage had crashed down on the Nazi positions across the river, flattening their strongpoints around the defenders' heads.

But as we crossed the Rhine it was deathly still. Only the quiet lap of the water against the sides of our boat could be heard. Later there was a burst of small arms fire all around but none seemed to be coming our way.

I accompanied an infantry battalion headquarters across the river. We rode in an assault boat. When I paused to write this dispatch two hours later the battalion had not suffered a single casualty. It had flushed half a dozen prisoners from their holes and was advancing against what could hardly even be dignified by the term "scattered resistance."

CAPTURED STUNNED PRISONERS

We rushed up to what we had expected to be the first German line of resistance. All that happened was the capturing of some stunned prisoners.

From a railway embankment beyond us and from both our flanks there came the occasional chatter of machine guns. And snipers were still active in the darkness behind us.

But the famed German artillery and even the bristling Ruhr valley flak guns were opening up with only occasional fire in the sector where I am writing this dispatch.

Our divisions are pouring across the river with ferryboat precision.

The outfit I jumped off with crossed the stream an hour later than the neighboring Ninth Army unit just to the north of us. That gave us the benefit of an extra hour of earthquake bombardment of the Nazi positions.

But we had also figured that the Germans facing us would have an extra hour to get ready for our attack. Whatever they did with that hour they didn't use it to brace themselves. Perhaps they used it to withdraw.

When daylight broke over the Rhine it was obvious that the main Nazi forces had not gone into action.

Possibly the desperate German manpower crisis has forced them to pull back everything but outposts along the river and to hold their main forces further back for a possible counterattack when the pattern of our offensive becomes clear.

There are certain guarantees that the Germans won't be able to mount a counterattack as fast as we build up our bridgehead.

AIR, ARTILLERY POWER

The first of these is the great width of our assault. The second is our overwhelming air and artillery effort which has isolated the assault area. The third is the speed with which our troops are pouring across the Rhine and plunging ahead into the interior.

The Ninth Army isn't waiting for Navy craft, ferries, barges, bridges, rafts, infantry support weapons—or anything.

It is storming across as fast as the racing storm boats and assault craft with outboard motors can shuttle between the two Rhine banks.

The assault went like this:

For the last two days or so we have been billeted in hiding in hamlets and villages half a dozen miles back of the river, waiting with our vehicles and weapons for D-day and H-hour.

About 10 p. m., after the men had finished a late supper, they checked and rechecked their equipment, then began strapping it on. Trucks were rolling up to battalion headquarters.

Headquarters personnel took the last deep drags on their cigarettes, crunched them out under their heels, climbed into the trucks, and the first small column was rolling toward the Rhine in the dense blackout.

ALL TIMED TO SECOND

Everything had been timed to the split second.

As the lead car passed the company area, the woods, thickets, and barns erupted with more trucks and jeeps, joining the procession until the whole battalion was in line.

It took only a few minutes to drive to a point four miles from the Rhine where the battalion dismounted from the trucks and began the last march-in. In a long column of two's the men swung down the dirt road while the jeeps and trucks turned back to the assembly point to await their priority turn for rafts and bridges.

Our battalion was well ahead of schedule. A couple of miles down the road we halted. Through the stillness we could hear the sullen, distant and continuous rumble of the British Second Army barrage. That started at midnight.

At 1 a. m. on the nose the Ninth Army's massed artillery roared into action with a deadly time-on-target salvo that crashed down with precision every few minutes on the trans-Rhine objectives. Between these crescendos came the bark and growl of individual guns, firing singly.

Windows on the nearby houses rattled and the ground trembled perceptibly. It didn't satisfy the infantrymen. The infantrymen are never satisfied. They growled that the barrage wasn't sustained enough to keep down the German gunners and artillery. As it turned out the infantrymen were wrong.

At 2 a. m. we started forward again. The infantrymen had the answer to their complaints. The barrage really started into high. The roar was so continuous that you had to put your lips to a man's ear and yell to make yourself heard above the thunder.

It took a practiced ear to discern the enemy shell bursts amid the Allied barrage. The disconcerting screams of inbound shells were drowned out completely.

GROUND SHUDDERED

The ground was shuddering under the shock of the explosions and the sky was lighted by huge flashes that seemed to tear apart the clouds of smoke. Occasionally, a premature burst would break high in the sky like a Fourth of July rocket.

After the first few moments of the intensified barrage the German positions are wrapped in great flames and a dull red glow marks the German lines.

The infantry moved across flat ground, completely devoid of cover. It was guided by white tape on the ground. The moon, nearly full, was beginning to be blooded by the haze and smoke. The columns closed up with a distance of only five to ten yards between the men.

Silhouetted against the glare of the fires as we moved like a strange snake-dance passed German farms. Occasionally, we passed likestock. At one place two mares and a young colt nuzzled together and whinnied at the sight. At another a cow gazed at us in placid interest. Puzzled and outraged birds, awakened from the nests by the noise of the barrage, flew around in angry protest.

BANK OF SMOKE

We moved through a bank of black smoke, still rolling northward from yesterday afternoon's air attacks and came ahead of the artillery belt. Now we could hear the machine guns pumping away and the dry cough of the heavy mortars.

The enemy shells were more audible, too, and at each halt the men glanced around trying to spot some hand hole or ditch—just in case.

Finally came an uncomfortable wait in the open for our turn to go across. The storm battalion jumped off at 3 a. m. in two waves. We waited for their boats to return. Finally, guides led us on the dog trot across the last couple of hundred yards up the dikes and down the other side into the boats.

We were lucky. Our motor caught on the first pull and we were on our way across the Rhine.

The crossing was strictly anticlimax. Both banks of the Rhine were a pandemonium of noise but the river itself was quiet. There was only the chugging noise of the motors and the slap-slap of the boat's hull against the waves.

And a minute actually seemed just like 60 seconds instead of hours, as I had expected.

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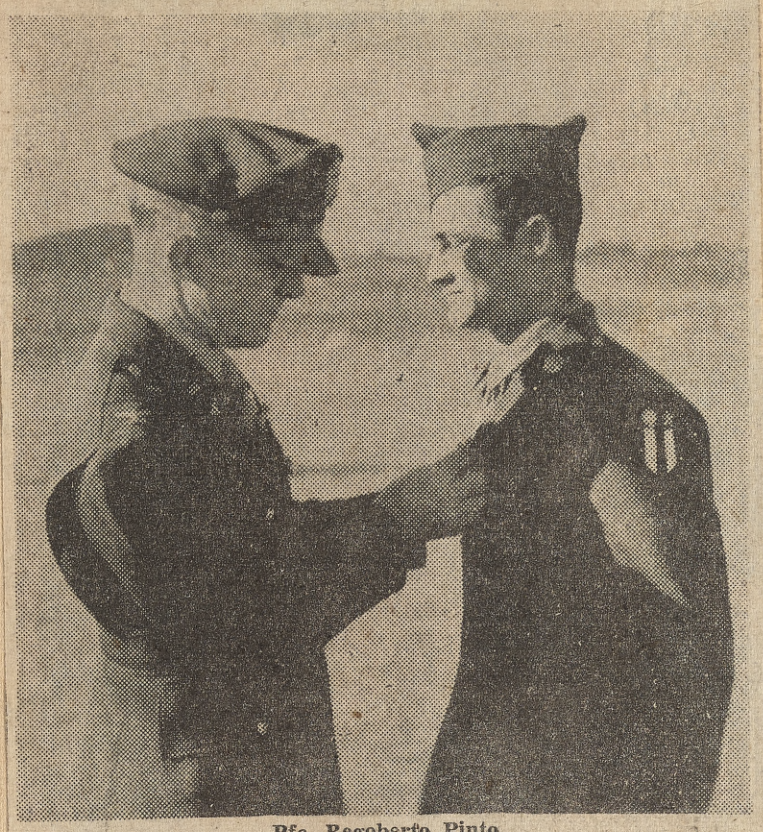
Eurekan Receives Purple Heart

China Air Base Scene Of Award



Pfc. Regoberto Pinto

At an Air Base in China, Pfc. Regoberto Pinto, 21, is shown as he received the Purple Heart Medal for wounds incurred during enemy air action. The presentation is being made in the photo by Col. Clarence P. Talbot, commanding officer of the China Air Service Command.

Pvt. Pinto is serving with the Air Service Command, Quartermaster Corps, postal unit.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius G. Pinto of Watsonville, former Eurekans, Pinto is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Dias of Arcata road. He was born in Eureka, attended local schools and was employed in the J. C. Penney company store in Eureka.

Pinto went in the Army in January, 1943, and went overseas in August of that year. He has served in India and Indo-China and has been for some time, stationed in China.

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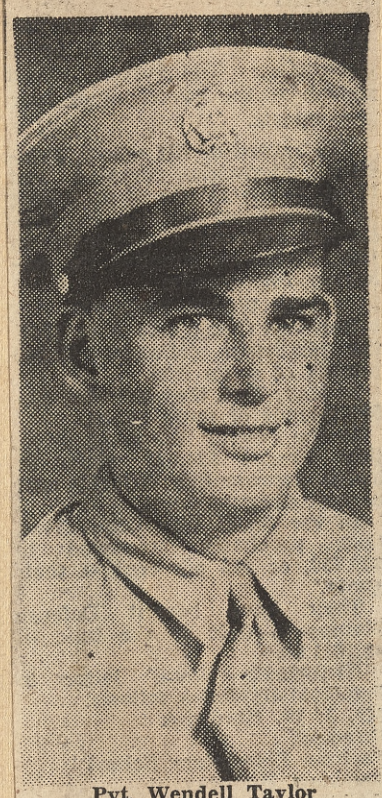
Wendell Taylor

Lands Overseas



Pvt. Wendell Taylor

Private Wendell Taylor of Eureka, formerly stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, is now overseas in England, according to word received here by his mother, Mrs. Ernestine Duplessis. His father is Thomas Taylor of Spring Garden.

Private Taylor entered the Army on March 28, 1942, and left the United States only three months ago. He attended the local schools and was in the Eureka High school when he enlisted.

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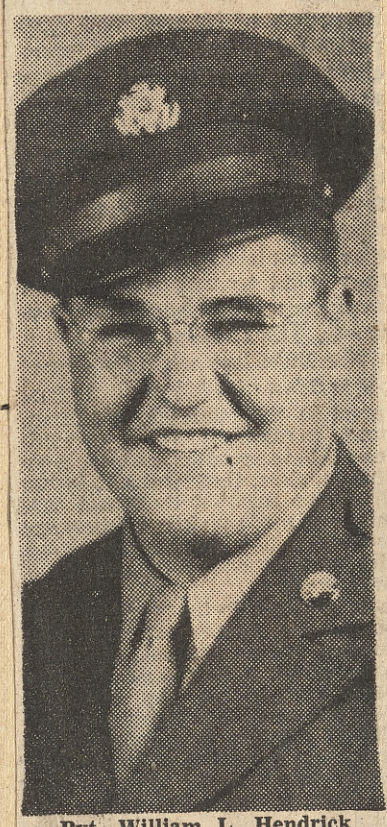
Army Radioman

On Visit Home



Pvt. William L. Hendrick

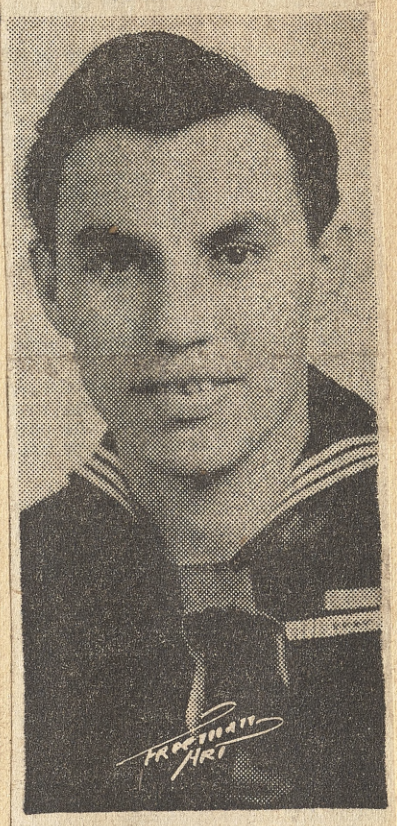
Private William L. Hendrick of Eureka, radio operator in the Army Air Force, is at home on furlough, visiting his mother Mrs. Orpha L. Hendrick at 1643 William street, and other relatives and friends.

He received his basic training at Buckley Field, Colorado, and graduated from the Scott Field Army Air Forces training command radio school. He will be assigned to the Fourth Air Force as a radio operator.

Private Hendrick graduated from the Eureka high school in June, 1943, and was employed by the Hammond Lumber Company prior to his induction.

In India

Trinidad Youth



Glenn Lindgren, ARM 2 c

TRINIDAD, March 30—Glenn E. Lindgren of Trinidad, ARM 2/c, is serving with the famed Black Cats naval air squadron in the South Pacific. These big BPY planes had been longer in the Solomons than any other air squadron.

Besides carrying troops and supplies, the PBYs went on day and night patrol and reconnaissance flights, rescued plane crews from the ocean, bombed and straffed the enemy.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Axel Lindgren of Trinidad.

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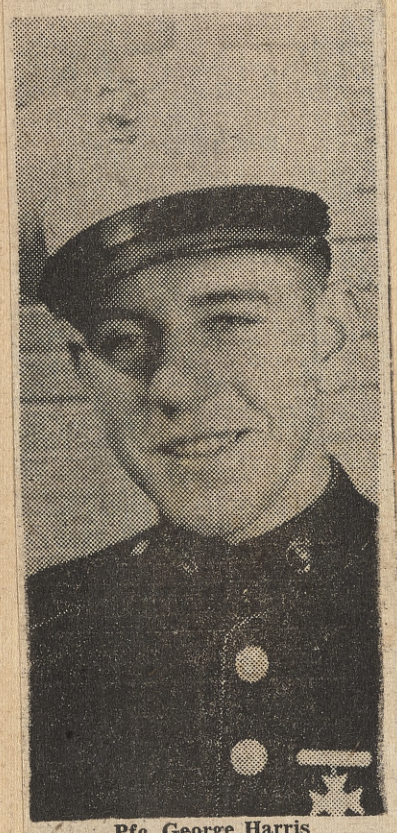
Iwo Casualty

Recuperating



Pfc. George Harris

Pfc. George Harris of Eureka wounded on the ninth day of the attack on Iwo Jima while serving with the marines, is recuperating in a naval hospital in Honolulu.

Harris attended school in Eureka and is a former carrier for the Eureka Newspapers. His parents moved to the bay area a year ago. A brother, Stanley Harris, has been reported killed in action January 7 in France.

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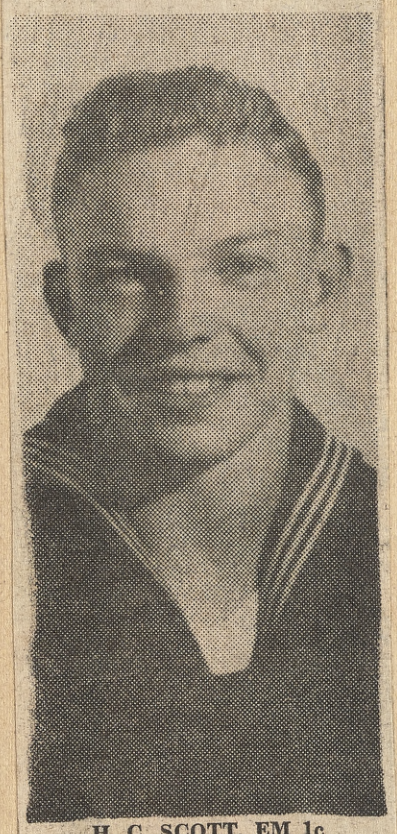
Pacific Veteran

Visited Eureka



H. C. SCOTT, EM 1c

Overseas 18 months and participating in the Gilbert and Marshall campaigns, Haslem C. Scott, electricians mate 1c, recently visited in Eureka before returning to San Francisco.

Scott is a Eureka High school graduate and had worked for the Hammond Lumber company while living here. His mother, Mrs. Carolyn Calman of the bay area, was formerly in charge of War Housing Administration here.

While on leave in Eureka Scott visited with the Donald Wilkinson family and with Mrs. Lottie Roach.

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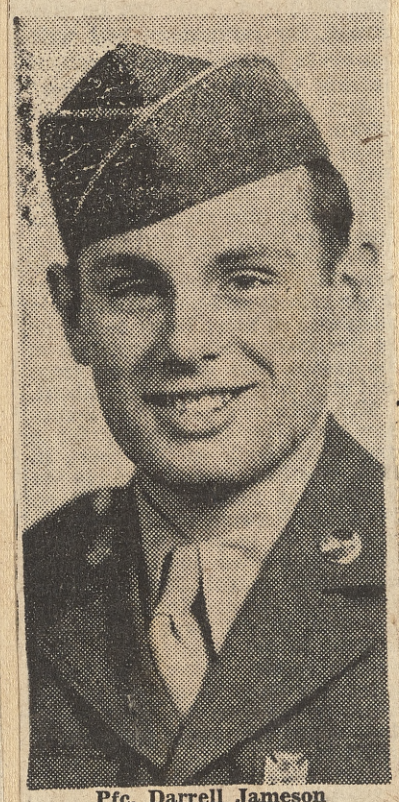
Leg Wounded

Luzon Action



Pfc. Darrell Jameson

Private First Class Darrell Jameson of Eureka is now in a hospital with one of his legs in a cast, recovering from a shrapnel wound to his knee, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Jameson of Eureka.

Pfc. Jameson recently has received his infantryman's combat badge for action during the Luzon campaign. He entered the service in September, 1943, and has been in the Pacific area since March 19, 1944.

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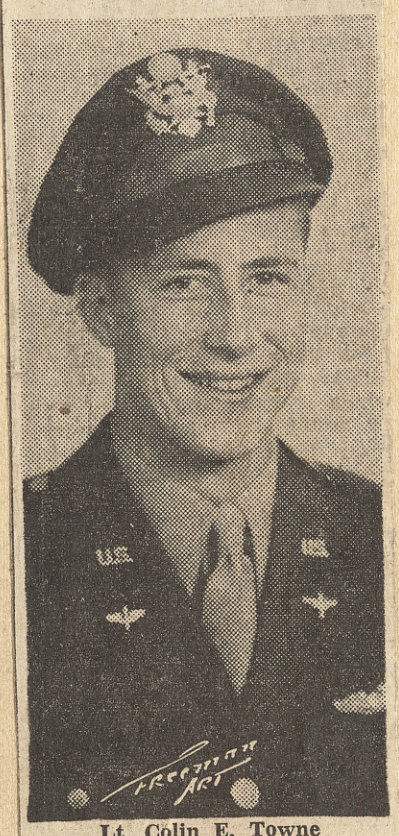
Fortunan Visits

Returns To Base



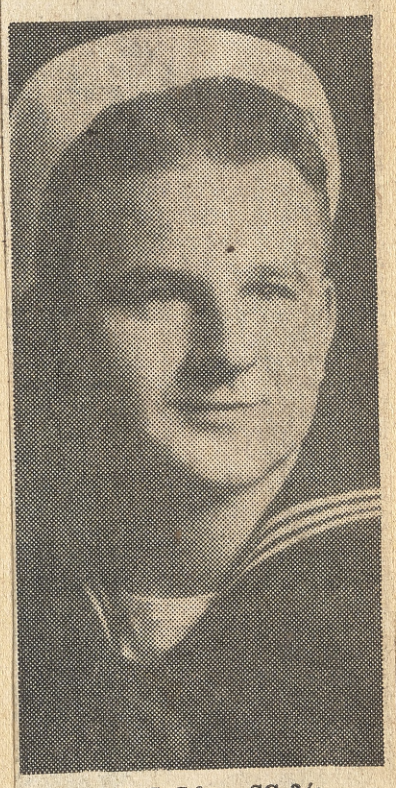
Lt. Colin E. Towne

FORTUNA, March 28. -Lt. Colin E. Towne of Fortuna has returned to the Coffeyville, Kansas, Air Base for overseas assignment after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Towne of Fortuna. His bride, who accompanied him to Humboldt, is remaining in Fortuna.

The officer has been in the Army since 1943, training at Sheppard Field and Lubbock college, Texas, at Ryan Field, Arizona, and Minter Field in this state where he was commissioned. He is in the Photo Reconnaissance branch, Army Air Forces, and is a pilot of a P-38. He was second highest in his graduating class.

Reassignment

Leave At End



Roy J. Iskra, SC 2/c

Roy J. Iskra, ships cook second class, who has been home on 26-day leave has gone to the bay area for reassignment to duty. He has served 22 months overseas in the South Pacific regions.

While on leave Iskra and Hallyann Schardin of Eureka were married March 10 in St. Bernard Catholic church. His mother is Mrs. Josephine Iskra of Arcata.

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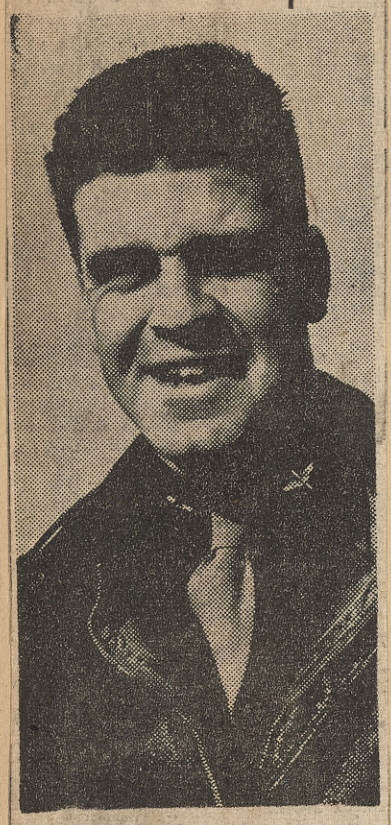
35 Air Missions

Eurekan Captain



DESMOND ALBRIGHT

Captain Desmond Albright of Eureka has flown 35 combat missions against targets in Nazi Europe, according to information received from the 15th AAF in Italy.

Captain Albright, a B-24 Liberator pilot with the oldest heavy bombardment group in the Mediterranean theatre, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Albright of 3365 H street, Eureka. He entered the Army in September 1942 and received his pilot's wings in Altus, Oklahoma, in January, 1944.

He has been awarded the Air Medal with three clusters, and wears the distinguished unit badge with two Oak Leaf clusters, and the European-African-Middle East theatre ribbon. He has participated in attacks against objectives in Germany, Austria, Hungary, Rumania, the Balkan countries and northern Italy.

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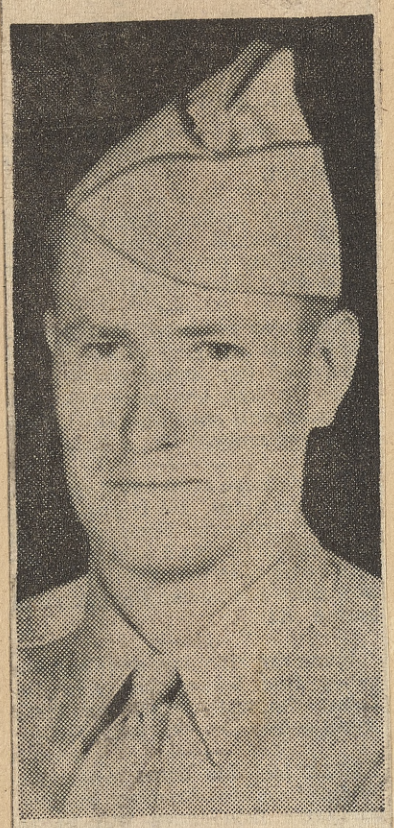
Alderpoint Youth

Killed In Europe



S/Sgt. Harold Gilman

ALDERPOINT, March 31.-Mrs. Maud Gilman of Alderpoint has been notified that her son, Staff Sgt. Harold B. Gilman, was killed in action while serving in Europe with General Patton's Third Army in an infantry unit.

Sgt. Gilman had been in the service since November, 1942, and prior to that had worked on the Gilman ranch and as assistant warden with the Division of Fish and Game. He attended school at Zenia and the Weaverville High school.

Surviving are his mother; sister and brothers, Mary A. Upham of Junction City, James H. Gilman of Ruth and Sgt. Arthur F. Gilman, a prisoner of war in Germany since September, 1944.

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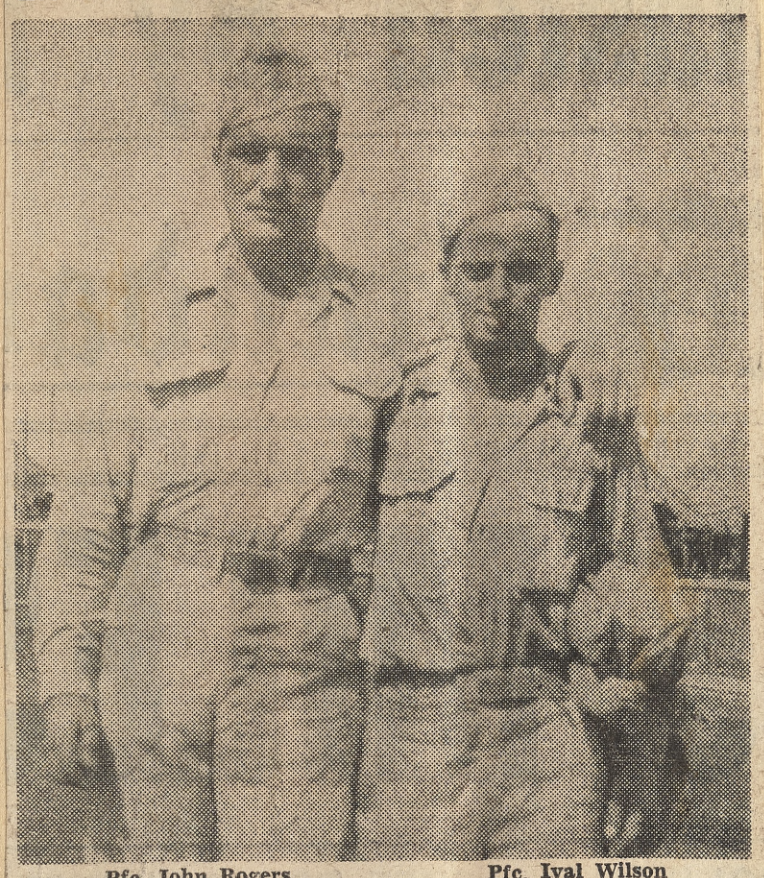
Ex-Humboldters Stationed On Same Isle



Pfc. John Rogers Pfc. Ival Wilson

The two soldiers from Arcata, Pfc. John Rogers and Pfc. Ival Wilson, pictured here, were stationed on the same South Pacific island for a year before they had opportunity to meet . . . and that was last December in New Guinea. It was their first meeting in three years.

Both soldiers wrote home about the happy reunion. They spent Christmas Day together and then started on a 10-mile hike to search for the grave of Rogers' brother, Cpl. Frank Rogers, who was killed in action at New Guinea January 9, 1943.

Pvt. Wilson is widely known in the county, having been an outstanding amateur boxer here several years ago.

Pvt. Rogers' parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers of Arcata. He has been overseas a year and a half. His brother, Staff Sgt. Dan Rogers, is with the Army in France.

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Wins Bronze Star

Service In India

M/Sgt. Lloyd Larsen

Master Sgt. Lloyd N. Larsen of Eureka, overseas with a bomber squadron in India since February, 1944, has recently been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service as crew chief of a B-29 during action from April 5 to October 5, 1944. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lars Larsen of 1445 McFarlan street.

Sgt. Larsen, the citation reads, showed exceptional mechanical ability in directing and supervising. maintenance despite lack of equipment and supplies and while combating adverse weather. He displayed great ingenuity and improvised equipment to insure quick and efficient maintenance.

His resourcefulness, energy and devotion to duty inspired the men with nim to work long hours to keep their ships flying.

Qualities of this high type, the citation reads, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Air Force and reflect great credit on him and the bomber command.

Larsen entered the Army in February, 1941, trained at Gray Field, Fort Lewis and was transferred to the Army Air Base at Salina, Kansas, for a year's training. He was also stationed at Scott Field, Illinois, Kearns, Utah, and Great Bend, Kansas, from where he went overseas. He was advanced to master sergeant last January.

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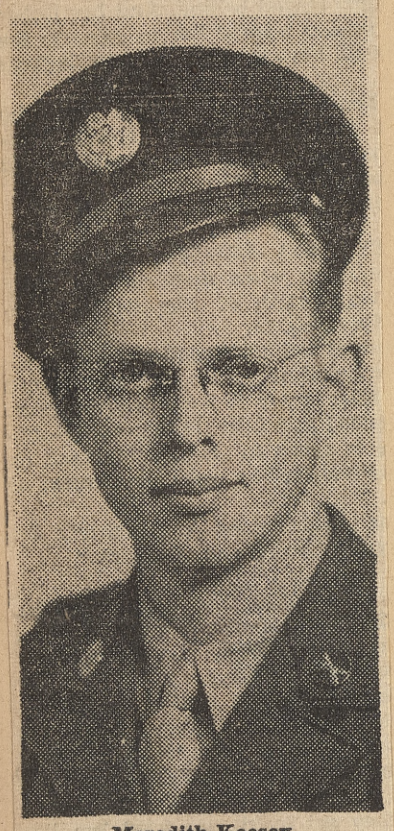
Furlough Ends

Back To Duty



Meredith Keesey

Private Meredith Keesey has returned to Fort Ord after spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Keesey of Pepperwood. He will be reassigned for additional training.

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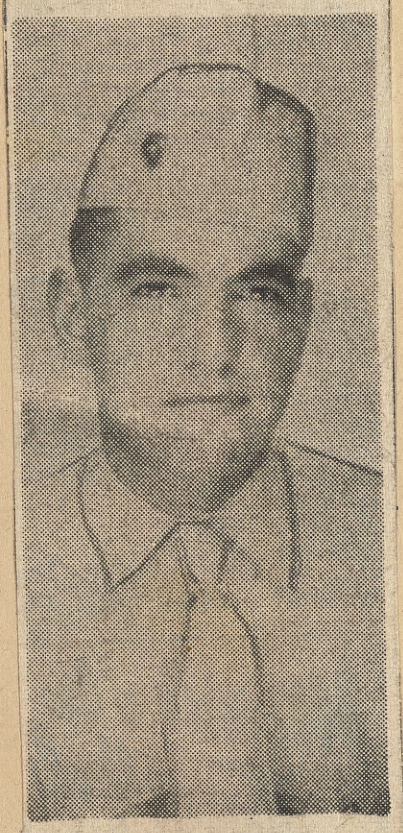
Newburg Marine

Killed In Action



Pfc. Joseph F. Borges

FORTUNA, March 31.-Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Borges of Newburg have received word that their son, Pfc. Joseph F. Borges of the Marine Corps, was killed in action February 21 on Iwo Jima. He had been in the service since March of last year.

Born in Arcata, the Marine is survived by his brothers and sisters, Frank, George, Manuel, John, Raymond and Albert Borges, Olinda and Irene Borges of Newburg, Mrs. Mary Worth, Rose and Georgina Borges of Arcata, Mrs. Alex Freitas of Sacramento, Mrs. Clem Estrada of Patterson.

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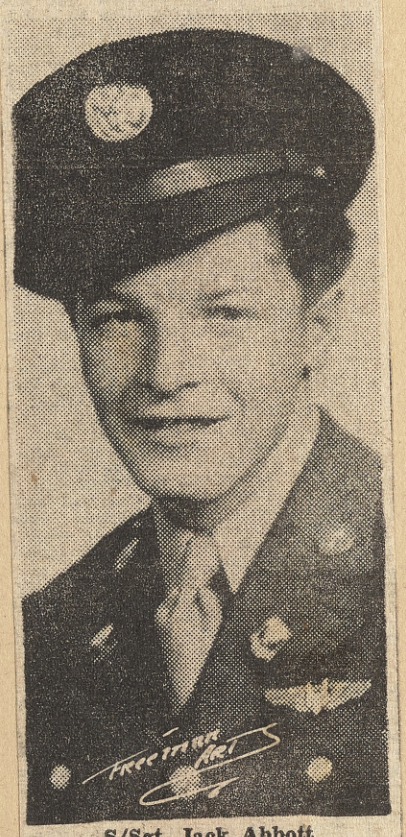
Home From India

Visiting Parents



S/Sgt. Jack Abbott

In India for a year with the AAF as engineer and tail gunner on a B-24, Staff Sgt. Jack Abbott is home to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joy Paul of 101 D street.

Sgt. Abbott has been in the Army since January, 1943. He trained at Amarillo, Texas, Tonopah, Nevada, and won his silver wings at the Las Vegas, Nevada, Army air base.

When his furlough is over he will take additional training at an Army engineering school in this country.

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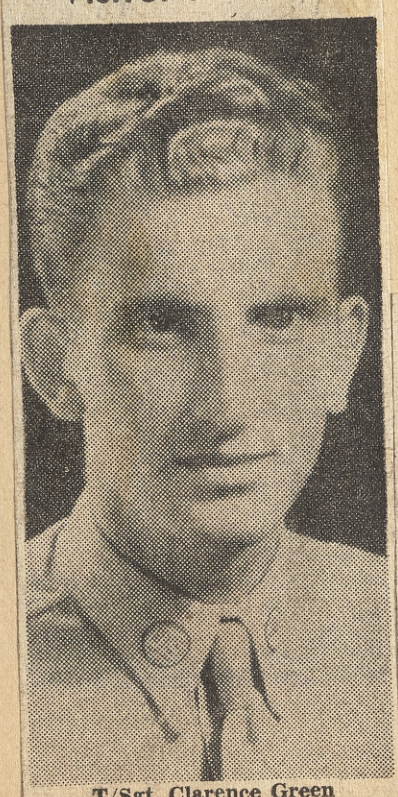
Sergeant On Leave

Visitor At Samoa



T/Sgt. Clarence Green

Technical Sgt. Clarence L. Green, accompanied by his wife, Mildred, are visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Green of Samoa, and other relatives for two weeks. They will leave this week for Santa Monica where Sgt. Green will be reassigned.

Sgt. Green has been serving with the 14th Air Force in the China-Burma-India theater of operations for 30 months. He spent most of that time in China in charge of an aircraft engine repair shop.

Entering the service in February, 1942, Green was stationed at McClellan Field, near Sacramento, for two months and continued training at Alameda before leaving in September, 1942, for overseas duty.

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Parents Receive Purple Heart For Son; Eureka Tankman Returns To Action

Mr. and Mrs. Alvirs Ferris of 2935 Albee street have received the Purple Heart medal from the War Department which is for their son, Pfc. Daniel Ferris, who has been overseas three years. He is now with the 1st Army Tank Division plunging through Germany.

Pfc. Ferris left Eureka in February, 1942, trained at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he was awarded the Expert Rifleman medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He went to England in 1942 and has been in battle actions in the North Africa, Sicily and French invasions, fought in Tunisia, Normany, Belgium, Holland and Germany. After being wounded in December of last year he was hospitalized in England and has since returned to active duty.

Before enlisting in the Army Ferris was employed by the Hammond Lumber company. Also in the service is his brother, Sgt. Fred Ferris with the Army Air Force, his brothers-in-law of Eureka, Pvt. Earl Stevens, Antiaircraft machine gunner who has served two years in Italy, and T/4 Sgt. William Sullivan who is in the Philippines with the Amphibious Signal Corps.

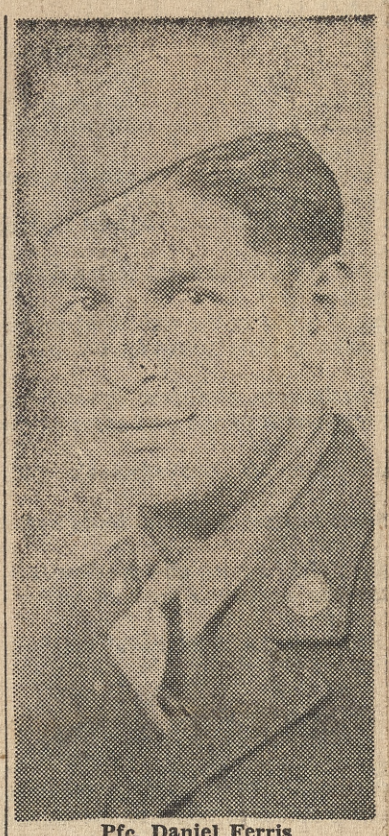
The following story of the Fighting First, issued to Pvt. Ferris by his commanding officer, Major Gen. C. R. Huebner, has also been sent to the young soldier's parents:

"Our Motto: No Mission Too difficult. No sacrifice Too Great."

"The press and the historians have, and will always, pay tribute to the Fighting First as a great division. I want to take this opportunity to recognize you as individual soldiers.

"Your courage, your caginess, your teamwork and your spirit are ever present. The German has learned to fear the wearer of the 'Red One.' The unmerciful beating you have given him in many engagements, your desire to close wih him and kill have made it so.

"As long as we continue to have men like you, we will go forward . . . always forward . . . forward to the next objective."



Pfc. Daniel Ferris

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Fortuna Officer

Home For Visit

Robert W. Shreeve

First Lieutenant Robert W. Shreeve is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Shreeve of Fortuna, on furlough from service with an aviation engineer battalion in Italy.

The officer's group was engaged in building bases for U. S. air power in the Italian sector. He also participated in the invasion of North Africa in 1942. He holds the pre-Pearl Harbor Defense Ribbon and the European-African-Middle East Ribbon with three bronze battle stars.

Shreeve entered the service in March, 1941, and trained at Fort Belvoir Officers Training school.

He has three brothers in the service: Clyde, somewhere in the South Pacific, Buford, in the navy stationed at San Francisco with thirty months service in the South Pacific, and Feryl, a gunner in the air corps, home after completing 13 missions in Europe.

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William Tassara

Killed In Action

WILLIAM TASSARA

Technical Sergeant William F. Tassara, 24, son of C. B. Tassara, 2186 Tydd street, was killed in action in Germany on March 16, according to word received here yesterday from the War Department.

Tassara only recently was awarded the Combat Infantryman's badge for proficiency in arms against the enemy. He was serving with Patton's Third Army at the time of his death.

He is survived, in addition to his parents, by his wife, the former Dorothea Larusen of Arcata, a four-and-a-half-year-old daughter, Barbara Ann, and a brother, Frank, student at the local high school.

Tassara entered the Army in January, 1944, training at Little Rock, Ark., and at Fort Meade, Md., before going overseas in November. He was home on a brief furlough during October.

Born in Eureka, the soldier attended the local schools.

He was a brother-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hess of Arcata.

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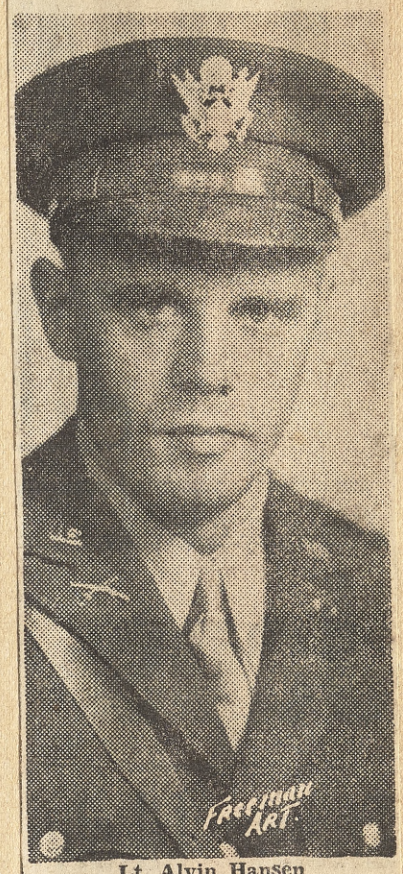
County Lieutenant

Wins Bronze Star



Lt. Alvin Hansen

FORTUNA, April 3—For meritorious service in combat on the Fifth army front in Northern Italy, 1st Lt. Alvin Hansen, son of Carl Hansen of Fortuna, has received the Bronze Star medal. He is serving as supply officer.

Lt. Hansen personally escorted his supply convoys directly to the lines with well prepared hot food when such a feat was almost impossible. He faced danger of enemy fire in caring for his men and his services contributed greatly to maintaining morale and physical fittness through the faithful and diligent execution of his duties.

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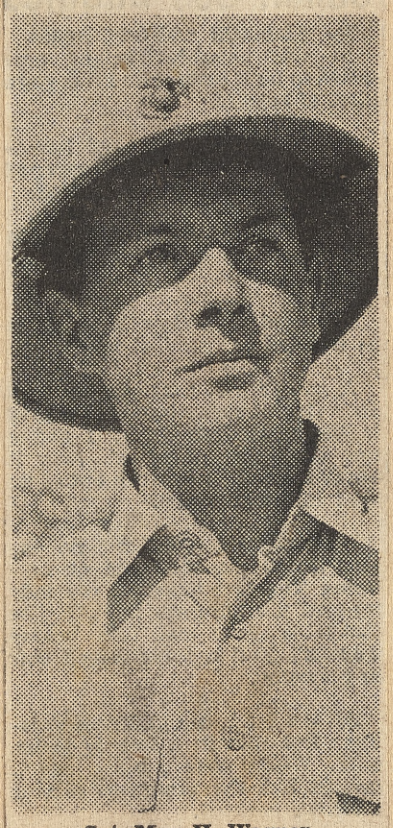
Max H. Wagner

Killed On Iwo



Sgt. Max H. Wagner

Sgt. Max H. Wagner of Eureka, who fought with the 3rd Marine Division during the bloody battle for Iwo Jima, was killed in action there March 8.

Sgt. Wagner, widely known in Eureka where he lived 10 years, enlisted in the Marine Corps three years ago and, after training, was gunnery instructor at the San Diego base for two years before being sent to the Pacific area. He came to Eureka from the east with his sister and father, the latter being superintendent of the Eureka Woolen Mills for several years.

Surviving are his mother and sister, Mrs. M. H. Wagner and Miss Virginia Wagner, of Miami, Florida, and a sister, Mrs. W. A. Robinson of Oakland, who is returning within a few weeks to live in Eureka again. His brother, Lt. Robert Wagner, an Army pilot, was killed in combat action more than a year ago over France.

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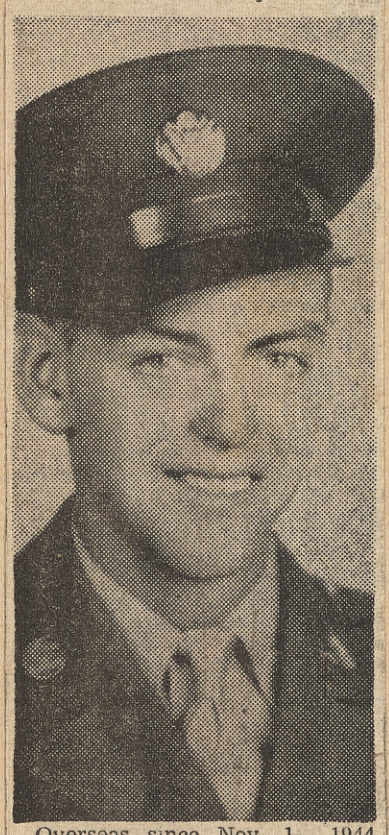
Pepperwood Youth

Wounded By Nazis



Overseas since Nov. 1, 1944, Private Kenneth Cook, son of Mrs. Gus Landergan of Pepperwood, has been wounded in battle against the Germans in northern Italy, according to word received here. Cook's wife and children reside in Eureka.

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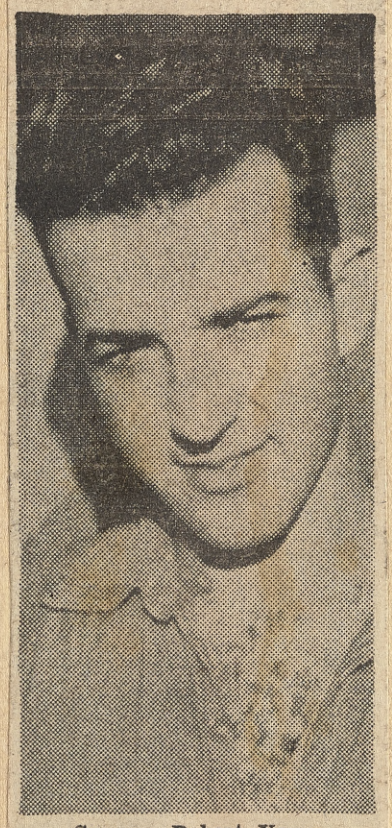
Blue Lake Youth

Serves In Pacific



Seaman Robert Yegge

BLUE LAKE, April 5. - Seaman 1c Robert M. Yegge of Blue Lake, is serving on a Coast Guard-manned LST in the Pacific invasion areas. His vessel is one of many Coast Guard-manned ships spearheading thrusts against the Japanese.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Yegge of Blue Lake.

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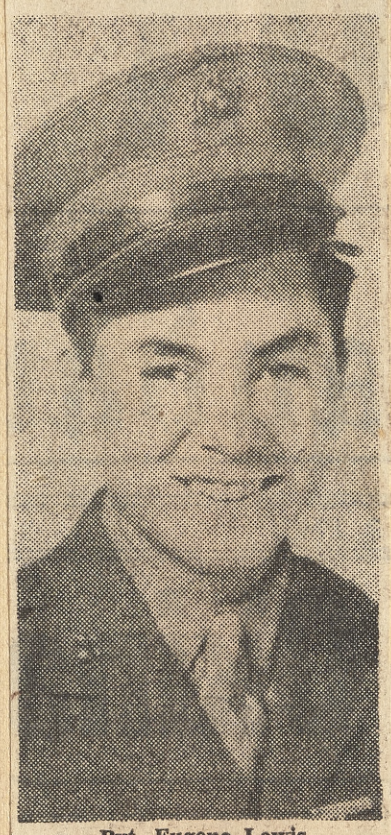
Weitchpec Youth

Killed In Action



Pvt. Eugene Lewis

Pvt. Eugene G. Lewis, 19 years old, was killed March 9 during the battle for Iwo Jima and while serving with the Marines.

Lewis attended Morek school and enlisted in the Marine Corps in April, 1944. He trained at San Diego and went overseas last November.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lewis, and the following brothers and sisters, all in Weitchpec, Andrew Lewis, Jr., Sylvester, Lorraine, Arvada and Marian Lewis and Mrs. Samuel Young.

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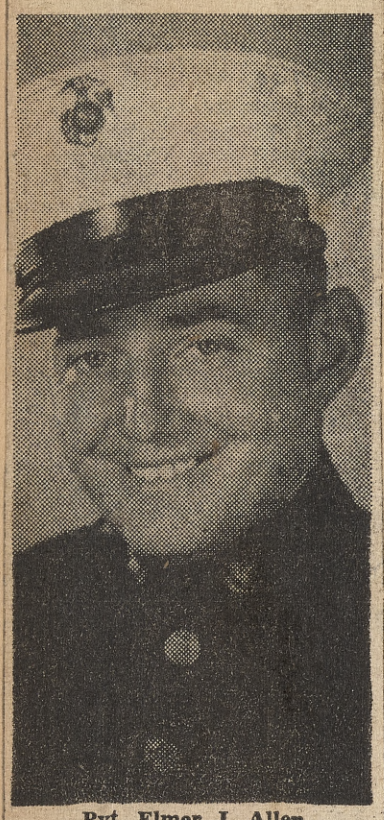
Fatal Wounds

Dies On Iwo



Pvt. Elmer J. Allen

Private Elmer J. Allen of Eureka died of wounds received on Iwo Jima, March 6, according to word received by relatives here from the War Department.

He was 25 years old and was attached to the Marine Division. Entering the service in May, 1944 he trained at Camp Pendleton, going overseas in November 1944. Word of his death was received by his wife, Phyllis, of Willits, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Allen of Eureka.

Before entering the service, Allen had been employed by the A. W. Way company of Eureka, trucking lumber from the Rockport Lumber company. He attended local schools.

Surviving him are his wife Phyllis and four and a half year old son Kenneth of Willits; his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Allen of 1410 G street, Eureka; his sisters, Mrs. Harold Levitt of Vallejo, Mrs. Milton Cole of Eureka; and the following brothers: Richard Allen of Eureka; Jack Allen of McCann, and Staff Sergeant Chesley S. Allen, who is serving with the U. S. Army in the South Pacific.

Wed April 4-1945

Gen. H. H. Arnold Confers With Injured Eureka Airman

—AAF Photo

General of the Army H. H. Arnold, Commanding General of the AAF, is shown here talking with Staff Sgt. Clifton A. Cyr of Eureka, a B-29 gunner with the 14th Air Force, whose right leg was torn away by enemy flak while on a seasweeping mission in the Straits of Formosa last Christmas Day.

Sgt. Cyr received the Purple Heart Medal at 14the Air Force headquarters in China from Col. D. L. Clark of Shreveport, Louisiana, his commanding officer. He was hospitalized in China and India before being flown to the Biltmore hospital unit, Coral Gables, Florida.

When the photograph of the general and the Eureka sergeant was taken, General Arnold was inspecting the AAF Regional and Convalescent hospital, Miami District of PDC, before returning to duty in Washington after having been a patient at the hospital while recuperating from an illness.

Now at an Army hospital in Brigham City, Utah, Sgt. Cyr is receiving additional treatment and surgical care. He expects to return to Eureka soon but must undergo additional surgery later.

The war hero has been in the Army five years. He was on patrol duty for nine months on a submarine. He and others of the crew were first to "get" an enemy sub along the east coast at the war's start. Later he was gunnery instructor at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and had been overseas in the China war theater nine months when he was wounded.

Sgt. Cyr's wife, Clarissa, and their three-month-old daughter, Edna, (whom the sergeant has never seen) live at 822 E street with the matron's mother, Mrs. Nellie Harper.

Thurs April 5-1945

Gets Commission

On Battlefield

—Army Signal Corps Photo

Lt. Fred R. McDonald

Receiving a direct field commission as second lieutenant in recognition of outstanding leadership through three campaigns, Attu, Kwajalein and Leyte, Lt. Fred R. McDonald of Eureka is shown here as the oath of office is administered by Lt. Col. A. R. Watson of San Franciscco.

Lt. McDonald was formerly employed here as a driver for the Troy Laundry and was a member of the local California National Guard company, leaving for service with them some four years ago. A brother, Donald, is serving in the Army. The lieutenant's wife and child live in the bay area and his mother and other relatives have also moved to the bay region.

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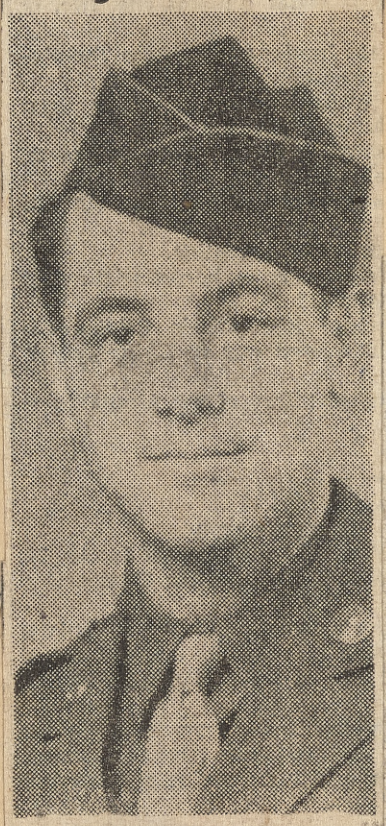
Reported Missing

Sgt. Melvin Tavis



SGT. MELVIN J. TAVIS

Sergeant Melvin J. Tavis, whose home was 403 Spruce street in Rosewood, has been reported missing in action in Europe since February 26, according to word received by relatives here from the war department.

Sergeant Tavis entered the service in July, 1942, and had been an ordnance man until a recent transfer to infantry, in which he participated in action in Holland. He had been overseas for more than a year at the time he was reported missing.

Tavis was a service station attendant before the war. He has a wife, Thelma and two daughters, Thelma and Adlene, who attend Marshall school. He also has a brother Fred Tavis, with the Seabees in Maine, and two sisters, Mrs. L. P. Goselin of Eureka and Mrs. Maurice re Road of Brisbane annex to San Francisco.

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Arcata Marine

Killed On Iwo

WARREN H. SMITH

According to a telegram from the war department to his widow, Norma, Pvt. Warren H. Smith of Arcata was killed on Iwo Jima during an engagement with the enemy March 7, just one week before his 24th birthday.

Smith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith of Arcata, was reared and educated in the schools of Arcata. Before induction into the Marine Corps in April, 1944, he was employed by the California Barrel Co. of Arcata and the Chicago Bridge and Iron Co. of Eureka. He made his home with his parents.

Besides his widow, father and mother, he is survived by two

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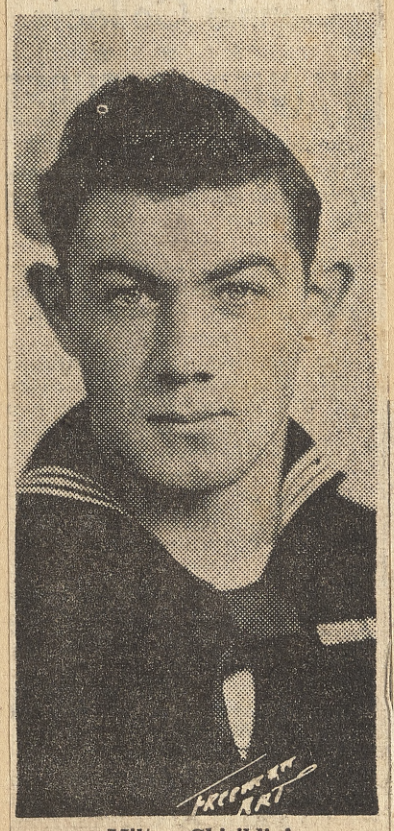
LEAVE ENDS



Milton Chiriblini

After being home on leave for three weeks, Milton Chiriblini, gunners mate 2c, is leaving this evening for San Francisco to be assigned to continued sea duty. He is visiting his mother, Mrs. Clara Chiriblini, of 931 Fifth street.

The 22-year old naval man has been in the Navy three years, spending most of the time in the South Pacific as an Armed Guard on troop transports. Before enlisting in the Navy he served a year in the California State Guard and is a former Eureka Newspapers carrier.

A brother, John, has been in the Army three years and is stationed now in the Panama area.

Tues April 10-1945

Former Prisoners Of Japan

Have Reunion In Eureka

Cpl. Mario Machi S/Sgt. Eldred McPherson

Two former prisoners of the Japanese at Cabanatuan in the Philippines, Corporal Mario Machi of San Francisco and Staff Sergeant Eldred McPherson of Fortuna, met in Eureka Saturday, for the first time since last October when they were both still prisoners.

Sergeant McPherson, who served with the Army Air Forces, is pictured as he points to a map of the Bataan peninsula where both men were victims of the notorious "March of Death."

Machi was transferred to Bilibid prison in Manila two months before the rescue at Cabanatuan where McPherson was liberated on January 30. Machi was freed on February 4 and returned to America with the second contingent of liberated prisoners. McPherson came with the first group.

Machi, son of Pietro Machi of San Francisco, was attached to the 31st infantry at the time of his capture. He is on vacation here, as the guest of Tom Lazio.

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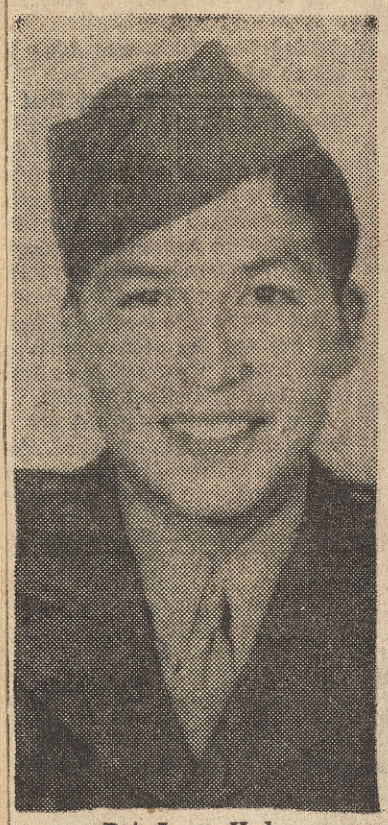
Trinidad Brothers In Service

One Killed On Italian Front



Pvt. James Hodge

Pfc. Otto Hodge

Pictured here are two sons of Mrs. Carrie Hodge of Trinidad, on the left, Pfc. Otto Hodge, killed in action last September in Italy and his brother, Pvt. James Hodge, a paratroopist in Europe. Another son, Fireman 1/c Henry Hodge is in the Navy on sea duty.

The Bronze Star Medal was awarded Friday posthumously at the Naval Air Station at Arcata to the soldier's six year old son, Otto, Jr., who was accompanied by his grandmother, at impressive military rites.

Pfc. Hodge had graduated from Del Norte High school in Crescent City before entering the Army in December, 1942. He had served in Italy six months with the 91st Infantry Division.

Others of the family surviving are the war hero's wife, Alice, of Eureka and a son, Robert; his brothers and sister, Paul, Leroy and Carol Ann Hodge of Trinidad, Andrew Hodge of Salem, Oregon, Pvt. James Hodge and Fireman Henry Hodge.

Pvt. James Hodge has been in the Army two years and left a month ago from Fort Benning, Georgia, for overseas service in Europe. He is a graduate of Sherman Institute at Riverside and had been employed by the Hammond Lumber company.

Fireman Henry Hodge is also a Sherman Institute graduate and worked for the Hammond company before entering the Navy in February, 1944. He is on sea duty in the South Pacific.

Mon April 9-1945

RETURNS HOME

Lt. Cmdr. Jack McGaraghan

Back from Central and South Pacific duties that kept him in those areas for 16 months, Lt. Cmdr. Jack McGaraghan is home to visit his mother, Mrs. Frank McGaraghan of 2420 Arcata Road. The commander was accompanied here by his wife and their son, Michael, a year and a half old, who live in Los Angeles.

Cmdr. McGaraghan served with a Seabee Detachment with the Amphibious Forces at Kwajalein, Saipan, Tinian, Lingayen Gulf, Leyte and other Pacific invasion points. He and his men were under enemy fire many times.

The Eureka officer enlisted in the Navy in April, 1941, and was on duty at the Jacksonville, Florida, naval air station before going to Iceland in October, 1941, where he was assistant officer in charge of construction until November, 1942. Returning to this country he was on duty in Boston on construction projects at the Navy yard until November, 1943, when he was sent to the Pacific regions.

Leaving here April 20, Cmdr. McGaraghan will accompany his wife and son to Los Angeles and report later at the Bureau of Yards and Docks in Washington, D. C. for reassignment.

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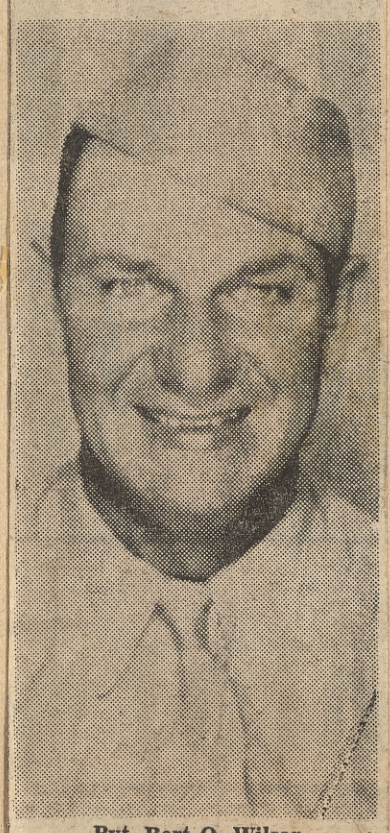
AWARDED BADGE



Pvt. Bert O. Wilson

Pvt. Bert O. Wilson has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for proficiency in combat against the enemy on the 5th Army front in Italy and cited by 337th Regiment, 85th Infantry Division.

The soldier's mother, Mrs. Clara M. Wilson, lives at 210 Third street.

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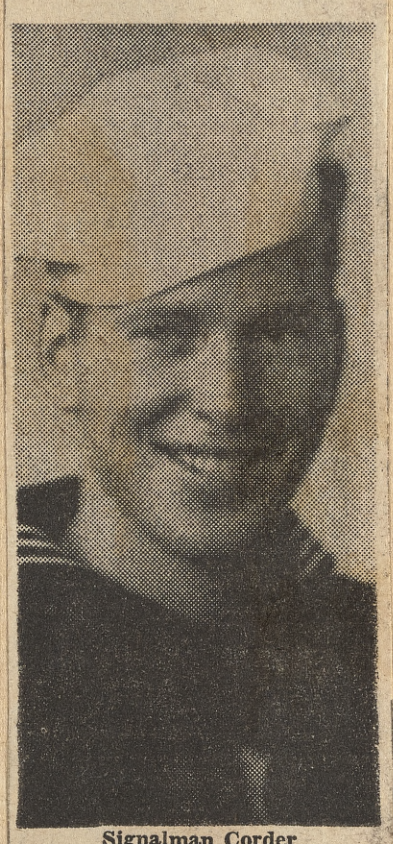
VISITS MOTHER



Signalman Corder

Signalman 2c Adolph Corder is back on 30-day leave from South Pacific duty to visit his mother, Mrs. Mamie Corder of 3106 Cooper street, and other relatives.

Corder enlisted three years ago in the Navy, trained at San Diego and has been serving as an Armed Guard on a cargo transport. He is a Eureka High school graduate and had been employed by the Holmes-Eureka Lumber Company.

The signalman is a brother of Pvt. Harold Corder, a paratroopist now overseas, Cpl. Merle Corder in the overseas army, Lucille and Glennis Corder of Eureka.

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VISITED HOME

Pvt. Fidel Caliesch

Pvt. Fidel Caliesch recently completed training at Camp Hood, Texas, and was home on 10-day furlough to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Caliesch of 3624 Utah street, and his sisters, Mrs. George R. Foster and Imogene Caliesch, who attends Nazareth academy.

Pvt. Caliesch is enroute to Fort George C. Meade in Maryland for assignment. He is a graduate of Nazareth academy and Eureka High school and attended a summer session of the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland.

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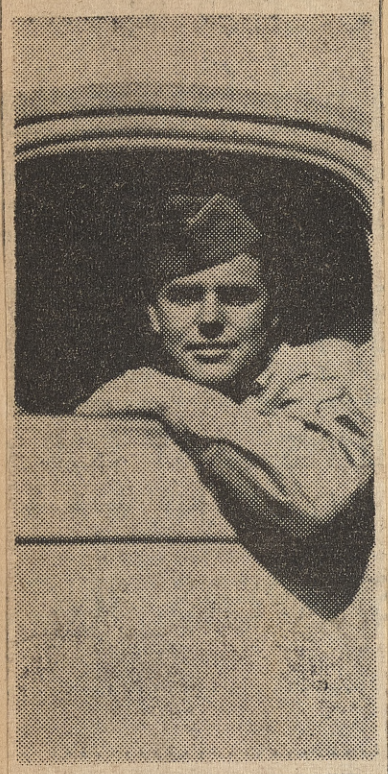
Citation Given

For Bravery



S SGT. WALTER S. HUNTER

The bronze star and citation awarded Staff Sergeant Walter S. Hunter for bravery in action in Italy has been received by his mother, Mrs. Florence Hunter, of Briceland.

Hunter was a corporal when the citation was awarded, and was advanced to the rank of staff sergeant a few days later. Signed by Mark V. Clark, lieutenant general commanding, the citation reads:

"To Walter S. Hunter, for heroic achievement in action . . . near Nettuno, Italy Corporal Hunter was on duty in a bivouac area during a heavily concentrated artillery shelling which caused several casualties among his comrades.

"Disregarding his personal safety, he rushed to the aid of the wounded men. In spite of continued shelling he remained in an exposed position to render first aid to his fellow soldiers. His courageous and selfless performance aided in saving several lives."

Hunter is with the Quartermaster Corps, U. S. Army. He entered the service at San Francisco two years ago last September.

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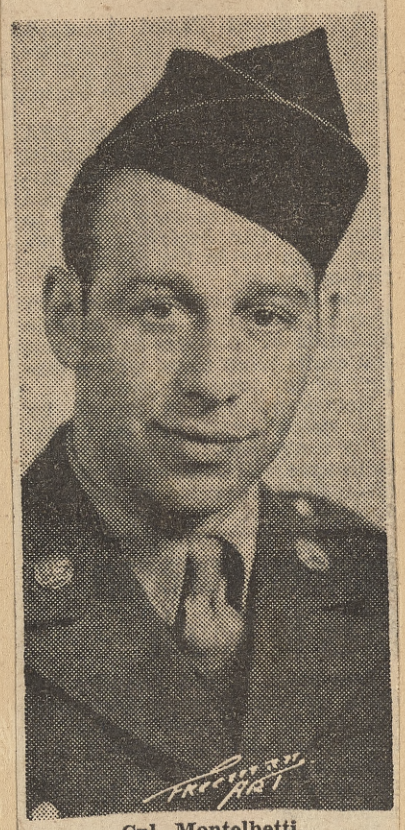
Wounded

In Germany



Cpl. Montelbetti

Mrs. Mary Sestini of 2155 Tydd street has received word that her son, Cpl. Dan Montelbetti was wounded March 23 in action inside Germany while serving with an airborne infantry unit, attached to the 7th Army.

Entering the Army in December, 1942, Montelbetti went overseas last October. He trained at Camp Campbell, Kentucky, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, and Nashville, Tennessee.

After graduating from Eureka High school Montelbetti worked for the Hammond Lumber Company. He is a brother of Mrs. Inez Gett of San Bruno and of Alma Sestini who attends the Junior High school.

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Visiting Home

From Philippines

William Nichols, EM 2c

After serving 28 months in the South Pacific, William Nichols, electricians mate 2c, came home from the Philippines in a B-24 Liberator bomber. He is visiting here with his mother, Mrs. Hazel Nichols, and his sister, Marie McCuen.

Nichols attended Eureka High school before enlisting in the Navy and is a former Eureka Newspapers carrier.

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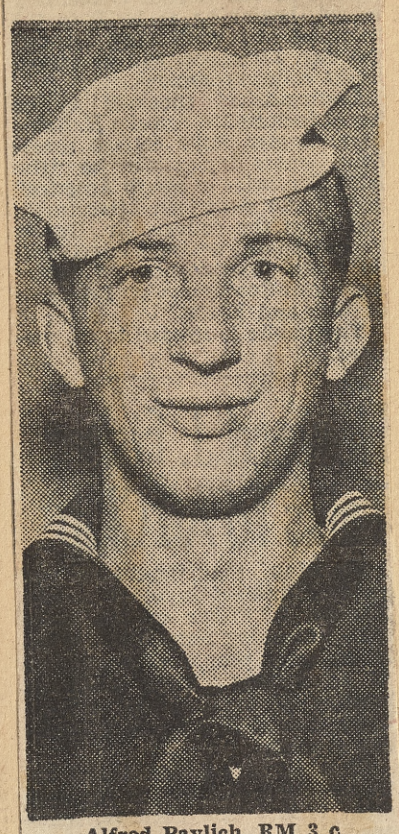
Returns To USA



Alfred Pavlich, RM 3 c

Having participated in the invasions of Tinian, Saipan, the Gilberts, Roi, Palau, Ulithi and the battles of Leyte Gulf, Alfred E. Pavlich, 20, radarman third class, of Eureka is now at the Naval Training and Distribution Center at San Diego awaiting further assignment.

The Bluejacket enlisted in the Navy in June, 1943, trained at Farragut, Idaho, and reported a month later for duty aboard an aircraft carrier. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pavlich of 1750 McFarlan street.

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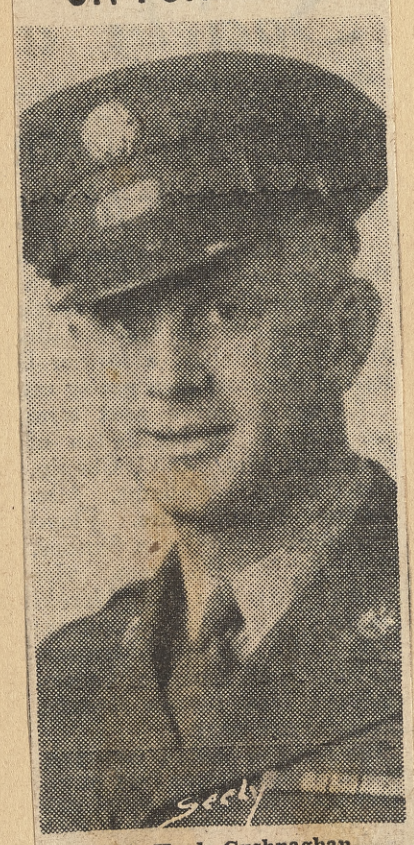
ON FURLOUGH



Sgt. Hugh Cushnaghan

Coming here from Mt. Home, Idaho, for a few days furlough, Sgt. Hugh Cushnaghan is reporting to Greenborough, North Carolina, to await overseas assignment.

The sergeant returned last June from New Guinea after serving 26 months with the Signal Corps. He entered the services in 1941. While in New Guinea he won two battle stars and a unit citation in the Buna Gona battle.

Cushnaghan visited here with his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. R. M. Cushnaghan of 3347 K street and a sister, Mrs. Barbara Alto of 1816 G street.

Enroute to North Carolina he is visiting in the bay area with his brother, Staff Sgt. Robert Cushnaghan with the army in San Francisco, his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Irons of Rodeo.

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CEREBRAL HEMORRHAGE CAUSES DEATH OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

WASHINGTON, April 12. - (UP) - President Roosevelt died this afternoon at Warm Springs, Ga., Secretary Stephen T. Early announced here.

Death was caused by cerebral hemorrhage at the resort where the president had been resting for some days.

Vice President Harry S. Truman, who succeeds to the nation's highest office, was called to the White House immediately.

An immediate cabinet meeting was summoned.

The four Roosevelt sons, all of who are in the service, were notified of the president's death by messages from Mrs. Roosevelt.

She told them that the president had done his job to the end and that she knew he would want them to do so too.

Mrs. Roosevelt, Early and Adm. McIntyre, the president's physician, arranged to leave for Warm Springs by plane almost immediately.

He was 63 years of age and served as president longer than any other American.

With the president at the time of his death was Cmdr. Howard G. Bruenn, who was on the staff of Vice Adm. Ross T. McIntyre, the president's personal physician.

News of Mr. Roosevelt's death came from Secretary William D. Hassett. He called in three press association reporters who had accompanied the president here and said:

"It is my sad duty to inform you that the president died at 3:35 of a cerebral hemorrhage."

"We expect to leave Warm Springs tomorrow morning by train for Washington," Early said. "Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon in the East Room of the White House.

"Interment will be made at Hyde Park Sunday afternoon. No detailed arrangements or exact times have been decided on as yet."

Mr. Roosevelt apparently had been wearied by his long trip to Yalta. Despite his confident assurances to congress in a report on the Big Three meeting that he never felt better, old time newsmen noted new lines in his face.

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ROOSEVELT DIES

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

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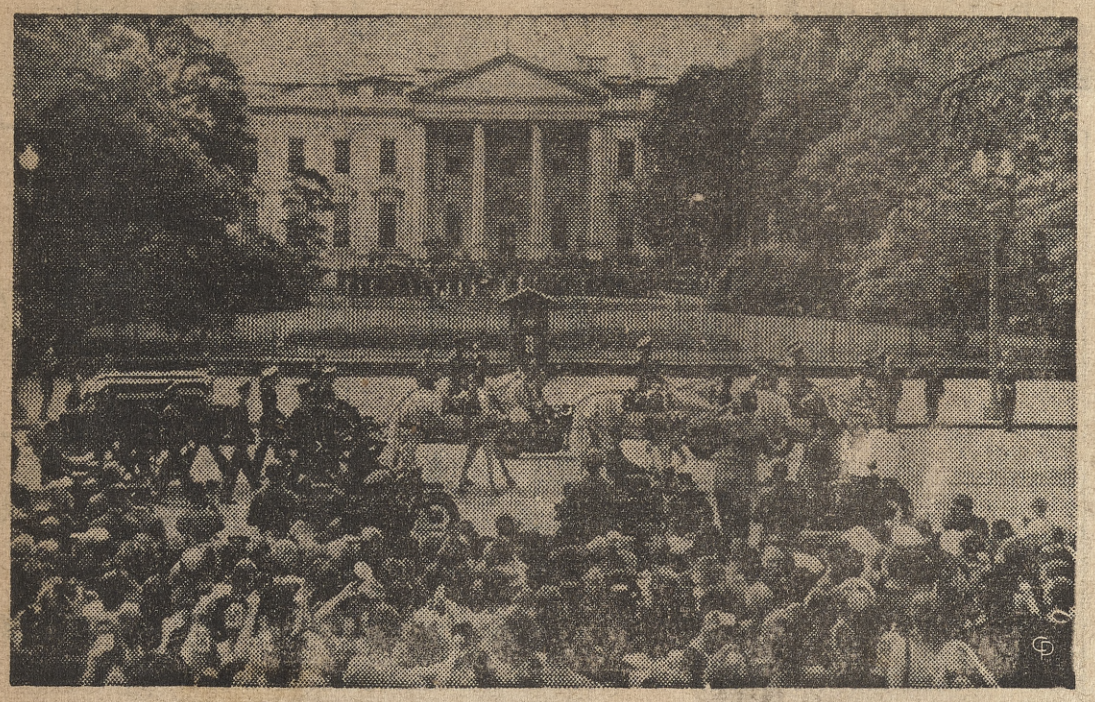
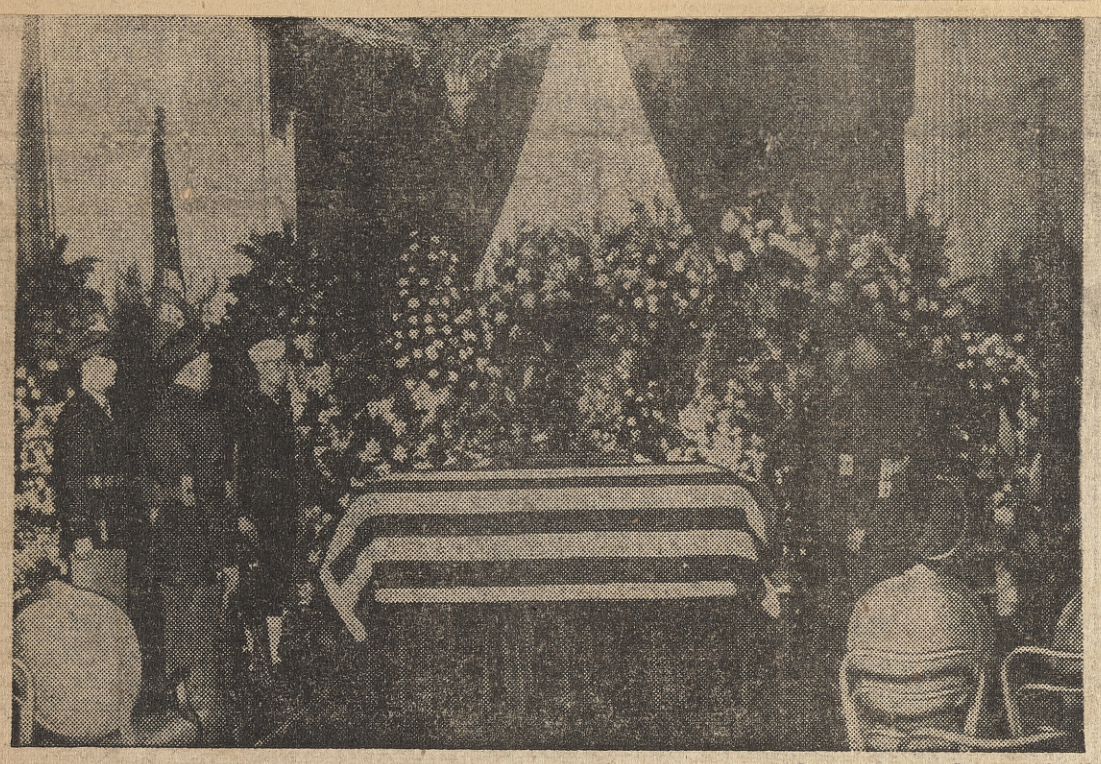
FIRST PHOTOS OF ROOSEVELT FUNERAL



Framed in the foreground by some of the thousands who jammed Pennsylvania avenue, President Franklin D. Roosevelt comes back to the White House (in the background) for the last time. His body, flag-draped, is carried on the horse-drawn caisson. —International Soundphoto



At Rest—The flag-draped casket containing the last remains of Franklin D. Roosevelt, rests in the East Room of the White House where funeral services were held. A man from each of the armed services stand guard. —International Soundphoto

Franklin D. Roosevelt Buried In Rose Garden At Family Estate

HYDE PARK, N. Y., April 16. - (UP) - The body of Franklin Delano Roosevelt rested today in the soil of a sunny rose garden on the family estate overlooking the Hudson river.

A few minutes before 10 o'clock yesterday morning, a lone gun in a nearby field stilled those waiting in the hedge-locked garden with the first round of a 21-gun presidential salute. Forty-seven minutes later the simple services for the 31st president of the United States were over.

As the echo of the gun faded, the strains of "Hail to the Chief" played by the West Point cadet band came through the nearby woods. The funeral procession moved up the hillside, paced by the muffled drums.

First came the band, then 600 West Point cadets. The president's flag-drapped casket rested on a black caisson drawn by six brown horses. Behind it was Mrs. Roosevelt and her family, President Harry S. Truman and his wife and daughter.

Inside the garden, the late president's aged aunt, Mrs. James R. Roosevelt, waited in a chair beside the graveside. At her side was Fala, the president's dog.

Planes flew across the procession, low on a straight course. A drum began a dirge. Three beats and a slow roll, three beats, slow roll, three beats, slow roll—endlessly.

As the procession neared the garden the band took up Chopin's funeral march. In an undertone the drums kept the rhythm.

The band played the Star Spangled Banner, then the hymn chosen by Mrs. Roosevelt, "Nearer My God to Thee."

At 10:36 A. M. the caisson was drawn into position. Eight enlisted men from the armed forces—there were no honorary pallbearers—bore the casket to the grave.

Behind the 76-year-old Rev. W. George Anthony, stood Mrs. Roosevelt with a son, Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt, one side, and her daughter, Mrs. Anna Boettiger, on the other.

Behind them stood her four daughters-in-law and her son-in-law, Col. John Boettiger.

Behind them was another family—the nation's official family, President Harry S. Truman, his assistants and head of the armed forces.

At 10:46 the traditional three volleys were fired over the grave. A minute later, taps sounded softly through the garden.

The crowd turned away. Mrs. Roosevelt went to the side of the elderly aunt, and a few minutes later walked, chin firm, head erect, from the garden.

Mrs. Roosevelt wore a small black hat and a flowing black veil. Mrs. Boettiger wore a black skull cap and a smaller veil. The daughters-in-law wore no veils.

After the crowds had departed, Mrs. Roosevelt returned. She stood for several minutes in silence ,looking at her husband's grave. She joined her family for the lonely trip back to Washington.

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President's Death Brings Gloom To Major Leagues

NEW YORK, April 13-(U.P.)-When President Roosevelt, early in his first year, answered critics of his policies with the words, "I don't expect to make a home run every time I come to bat," the sports world knew it had a friend in the White House.

Without the provisional "green light" for baseball which he issued in one of his last press conferences there would have been little hope for continuation of the sport into its fourth wartime season.

Because few persons knew of his fatal illness, there had been hope to the last that he might follow up the "green light" declaration by throwing out the first ball at the presidential opener between the senators and Yanks at Washington next Monday.

Now, in respect to the staunchest friend the major leagues ever had in the White House, the game may be cancelled, and there was a definite possibility that the opening of the regular season on Tuesday also might be delayed for a day or so.

Mr. Roosevelt in urging the continuation of baseball for 1945 said he did not think the sport should use perfectly healthy men who could do something more useful in the war effort. The teams probably would be a little older and maybe not as proficient, he said.

SANDLOT GAMES

Then he told the newsmen that he liked to see baseball games, even if played by sandlot outfits.

That removed the final vestige of about whether there would be professional baseball this season.

Similar "green light" declarations preceded the other wartime seasons, the president emphasizing the need of the nation for the wholesome diversion of an afternoon or an evening out-of-door when it war chores were finished.

He was considered responsible for extension of the major league limit on night games after a press conference in 1943 when he suggested that more after dark games would be beneficial to the many government workers in Washington whose hours were in the day time. The major leagues promptly gave Washington special dispensation to play an unlimited schedule of night games and last year extended the number of games for all clubs whose parks had lighting facilities.

It was the president's fondness of swimming which led to his lifelong affliction from infantile paralysis. He was swimming at the family summer home at Campo Bello, Me., in 1921 when he acquired the virus and shortly thereafter was paralyzed in both legs.

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At Home With Wife, Eleanor

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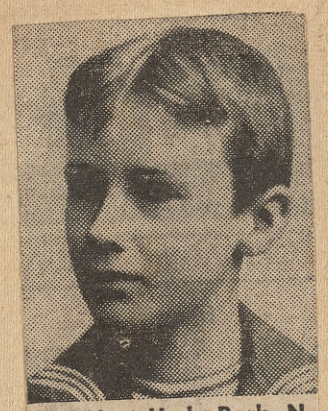
Franklin D. Roosevelt

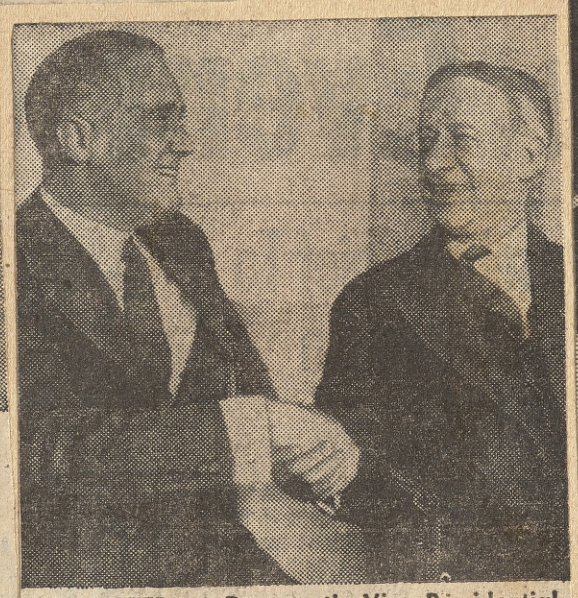
THROUGH THE YEARS



BORN at Hyde Park, N. Y., Franklin as a boy saw a life of comfortable ease. Intrigued by the sea, he wore this sailor's suit at the age of 10.

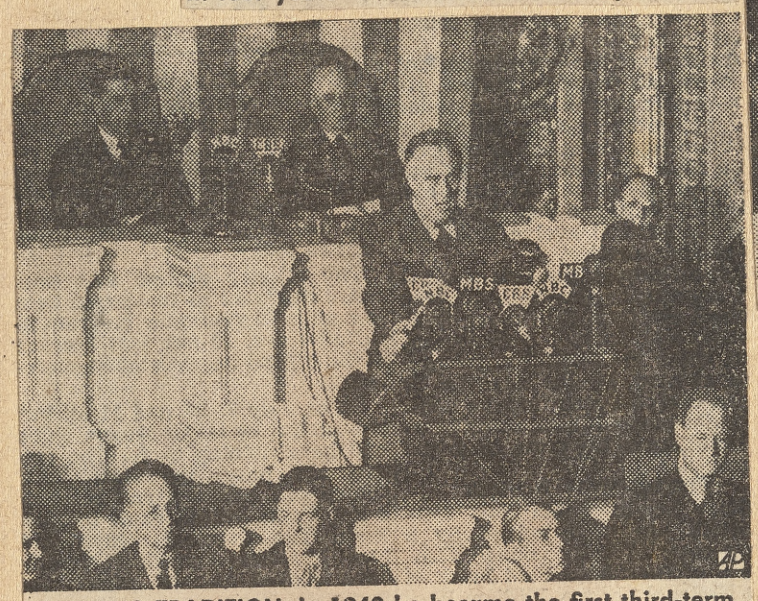
EDUCATED at Groton and Harvard, where he posed for this picture at the age of 19, he prepared for law. He practiced briefly, then turned his thoughts to politics.

CAMPAIGNING in a district Republican for 30 years, he was elected N. Y. State Senator, then served as Assistant Secretary of the Navy in World War I.



NOMINATED as Democratic Vice Presidential candidate in 1920, he fought gamely but vainly for the League of Nations. Then infantile paralysis struck. For years he struggled to health. On request of Alfred E. Smith, he ran for N. Y.'s Governorship in 1928, won, and in four years made himself nationally known.

ELECTED President in 1932, Franklin Roosevelt rode to his inaugural with Herbert Hoover. To a depressed-numbed people he offered the "New Deal"—NRA, TVA, AAA, WPA, PWA, HOLC, FHA. Sweeping proposals—like Supreme Court bill and Reorganization plan—followed, with controversy over methods and motives. Seldom retreating, F.D.R. slugged with powerful critics of his policies.



BATTLING TRADITION, in 1940 he became the first third-term President. He fought new problems born of war abroad. He battled isolationists, spurred war production, girded the nation. Then came Japan's attack, and Franklin Roosevelt quickly made one thing plain. As struggling politician and as President, he had had many skirmishes. But as Commander-in-Chief, he had just begun to fight.

Fala Was His Pal.

Visited Foreign Lands.

Hobbies—Boating, Stamp Collecting

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The Big Three, Stalin, Churchill, FDR

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New President Of United States Issues Proclamation On Death Of Franklin D. Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, April 13. -(U.P.)- Text of President Truman's proclamation on the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt:

To the People of the United States:

It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to take from us the

HARRY S. TRUMAN

immortal spirit of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the 32nd President of the United States.

The leader of his people in a great war, he lived to see the assurance of the victory but not to share it. He lived to see the first foundations of the free and peaceful world to which his life was dedicated, but not to enter on that world himself.

His fellow countrymen will sorely miss his fortitude and faith and courage in the time to come.

The peoples of the earth who love the ways of freedom and hope will mourn for him.

But though his voice is silent, his courage is not spent, his faith is not extinguished. The courage of great men outlives them to become the courage of their people and the peoples of the world. It lives beyond them and upholds their purposes and brings their hopes to task.

Now, therefore, I, Harry S. Truman, President of the United States of America, do appoint Saturday next, April 14th, the day of the funeral service for the dead President, as a day of mourning and prayer throughout the United States. I earnestly recommend the people to assemble on that day in their respective places of divine worship, there to bow down in submission to the will of Almighty God, and to pay out of full hearts their homage of love and reverence to the memory of the great and good man whose death they mourn.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, the 13th day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and forty-five, and of the independence of the United States, the one hundred and sixty-ninth.

HARRY S. TRUMAN

By the President:

EDWARD R. STETTINIUS, JR.,

Secretary of State.

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PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN

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NEW PRESIDENT TAKES OATH OF OFFICE IN WASHINGTON

Sworn in as President of the United States, Harry S. Truman is pictured, hand on Bible, as the brief but impressive ceremony took place in Washington, D. C., April 12. (Left to right) Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., President Truman, Supreme Court Justice Harlan Fiske Stone, War Mobilization Director Fred M. Vinson, and minority leader of the House of Representatives Joseph W. Martin, of Mass. —International News Soundphoto.

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GETS AIR MEDAL

Gary Girdler, RM1C

Gardner Francis Girdler, aviation radioman first class in the Naval Reserve and now stationed at Alameda, has recently been awarded the Air Medal. Girdler's wife, the former Delores Dreyer of Eureka, and their son, Gary Allyn, who live in Alameda expect to return to Eureka in June when Girdler goes east for pilot training.

Mrs. Girdler and son will stay here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Dreyer of 2121 H street.

The Air Medal was presented to the radioman "for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement whide participating in an aerial flight as rear seat gunner in a carrier based dive bombing plane assigned to attack enemy gun positions in the vicinity of the Mariana Islands last July 7.

"He obtained photographs of enemy defense installations which were of high intelligence value, in the course of severe pull-out and rapid fire retirement from a vertical dive and in the face of constant anti-aircraft fire. His skill and courage were at all times in keeping with the highest traditions of the naval service.

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Former Eurekan In Germany

SGT. WILLIAM BLAIKIE

Sgt. William (Bill) Blaikie, formerly of this city, writes to friends here that he is with a medical corps outfit marching through Germany.

Blaikie attended Eureka high school and was widely known in athletic circles, playing baseball in the Redwood League.

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Home On Leave

Seaman Carvel Robinson

Having served 36 months on the carrier, Saratoga, Seaman 1c Carvel Robinson is home on 14-day leave after which he will report in Bremerton, Washington, for reassignment. He participated in every major battle in the South Pacific and adjacent waters.

Robinson is a former Arcata youth and is a grandson of Mrs. Ida Robinson of Arcata. He may be contacted in Eureka at 1017 C street, telephone 1150-M.

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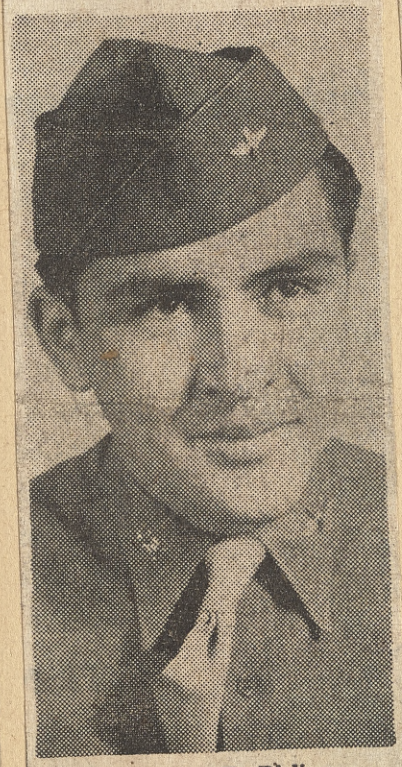
Hoopa Flyer Killed In Crash



Lt. Baron D. Risling

Lt. Baron D. Risling, 22, of Hoopa was killed in a plane crash yesterday some 20 miles north of Houston, Texas, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Risling of Hoopa.

The officer graduated from Hoopa High school and trained at Independence, Kansas, at the Army Air Field. He was commissioned March 11 of this year at Foster Field at Victoria, Texas.

Other relatives surviving are his brothers and sisters, Ensign David Risling on sea duty, Pfc. Leslie Risling in Europe, Lawrence Risling, CM 1/c with the Seabees on Iwo Jima, Anthony Risling of Hoopa, Vivian Hailstone, Viola Evans and Roslyn Marshall, all of Hoopa.

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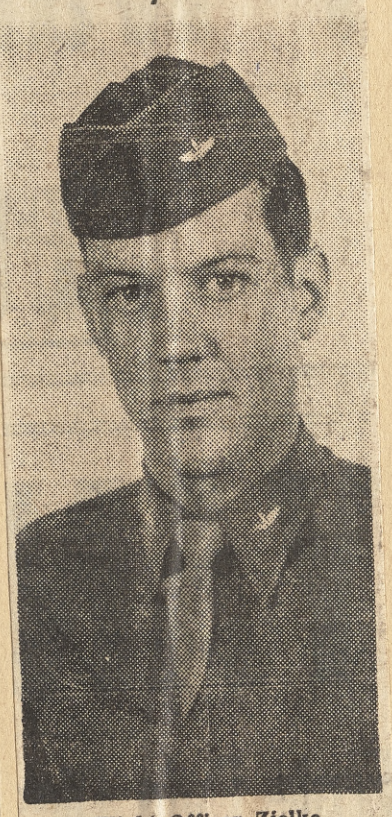
SILVER WINGS Sunday Graduate



Flight Officer Zielke

Graduating Sunday from Columbus Army Air Field near Columbus, Mississippi, Richard Henry Zielke of Weott received the silver wings of a flying officer and appointment as a flight officer in the Army air forces.

F/O Zielke, 20, entered pilot training in May, 1944, and attended flying schools at Clarksdale, Mississippi, Douglas, Georgia, and Montgomery, Alabama, before graduating from the advanced schools.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Henry Zielke of Weott.

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Eurekan With 15th Army Air Force

Cpl. Erich W. Anderson of Eureka, with the 15th Army Air Forces in Italy, is shown here as he checks battery voltage on an Army truck. He is with an engineering section of a B-24 Liberator heavy bomber group. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Engstrom, and his wife, Mary, live at 2329 Fairfield street.

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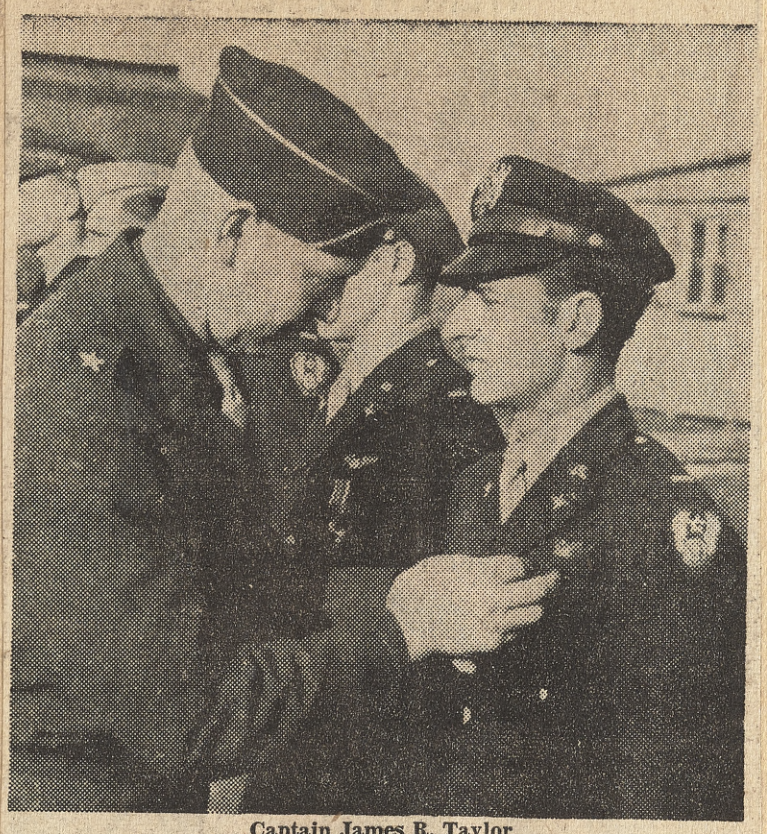
Many Awards For Local Man



Captain James R. Taylor

With 88 missions to his credit and holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with 15 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Medal of Merit and four battle stars, Capt. James R. Taylor of Eureka is shown here as he receives one of his many awards..

Capt. Taylor has been a Thunderboldt pilot with the Ninth Army Air Force. While overseas he participated in action in England, France and Belgium.

The veteran flier recently visited here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor of 3355 Summer street, leaving Sunday night for 21 days at Santa Ana Air base and reassignment.

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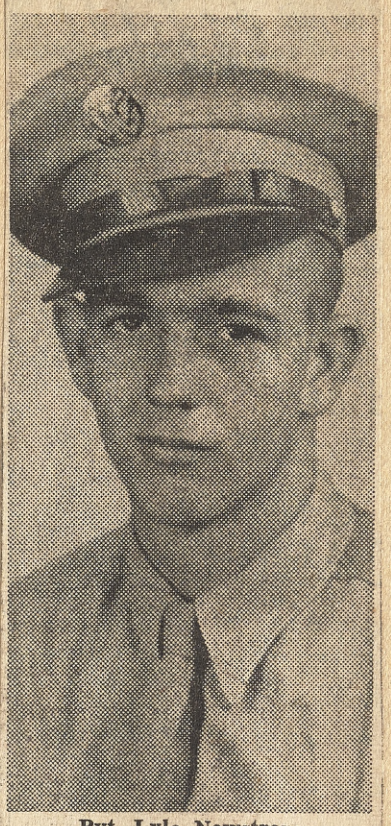
Eurekan Overseas



Pvt. Lyle Newstrom

Pvt. Lyle Newstrom of Eureka has been overseas since January of this year and is serving with an infantry unit in France.

Newstrom attended Eureka High school and trained in Arkansas and at Camp San Luis Obispo. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ted Newstrom of 518 A street and his brothers, Sherman and Charles attend school here.

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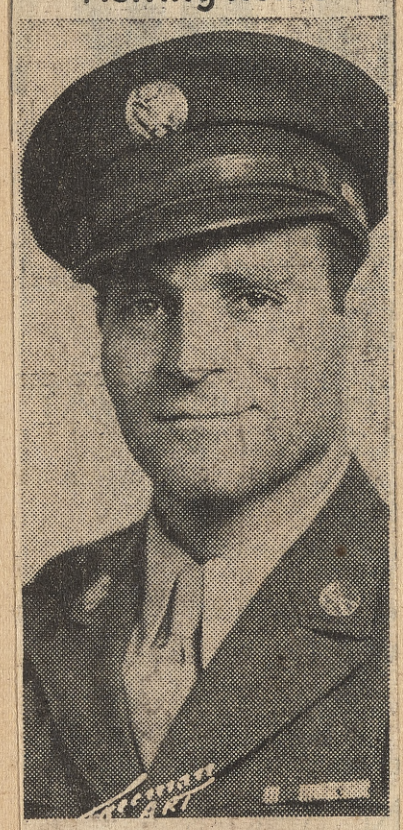
Visiting Home



Cpl. John Perra

RIO DELL, April 17.—Cpl. John J. Perra, who has been at Turney General hospital at Palm Springs, is in Humboldt county to visit relatives. He has served two years in the South Pacific, wears a battle star for the Hollandia engagement on his Asiatic-Pacific ribbon and the Good Conduct medal.

The soldier is a brother of F. M. Perra and Miss Josephine Perra of Rio Dell. His daughter, Dorothy Marie, lives in Arcata with her mother.

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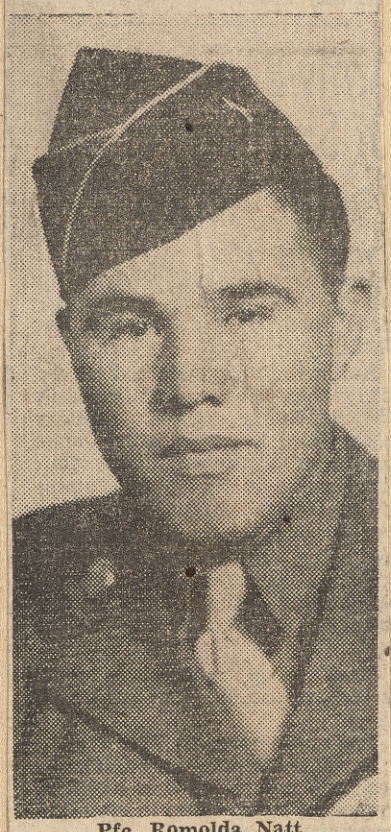
Fortunan Killed

In Germany



Pfc. Romolda Natt

FORTUNA, April 17 — On March 22 in Germany Pfc. Romolda Natt of Fortuna was killed in action according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Natt, and his wife of Fortuna.

Pfc Natt attended Arcata schools and was employed by the Pacific Lumber company before entering the army in May of last year. He went overseas in November, 1944, after training at Camp Roberts, and participated in action in Belgium. He had received the Combat Infantry badge.

Besides his wife and parents, surviving are his children, Donald, Dorothy Mae and Lillian; brothers, Robert and Sandy, Jr., of Fortuna; his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Natt, and aunt, Lilah Crutchfield of Blue Lake.

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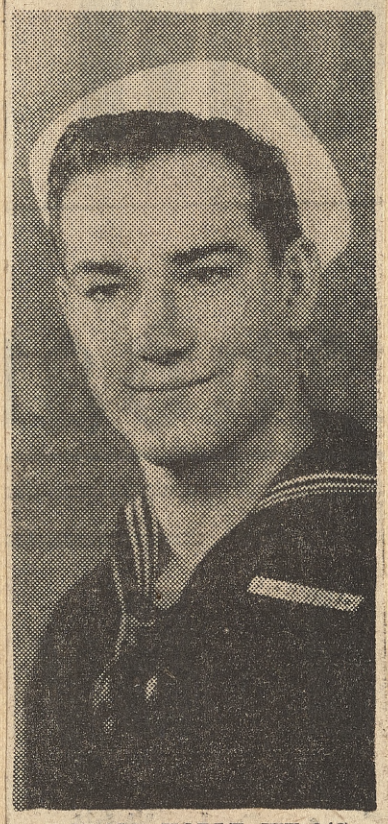
RETURNS TO DUTY



DONALD KOBLE, WT 3/C

Donald Koble, water tender third class, who has been home on 28-day leave reported to Bremerton, Washington, and has been assigned to sea duty on a cruiser.

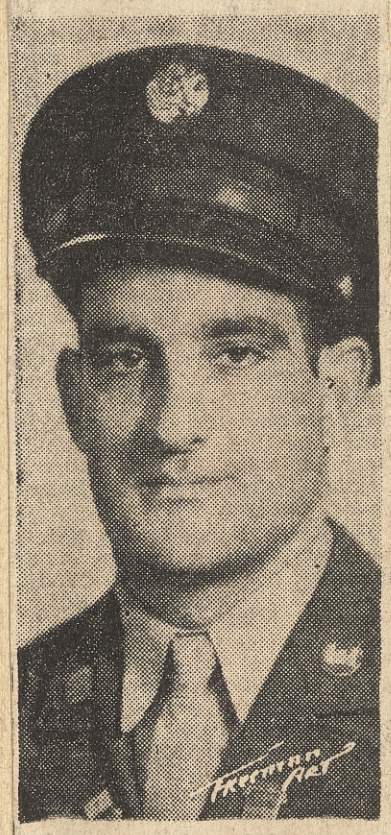
Koble had been on sea duty in the South Pacific for two years before he came home to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Dillon of 2153 Albee street. He wears the Asiatic-Pacific, American theater and Philippine campaign ribbons with five battle stars. Before entering the Navy he was employed by the Hammond Lumber company.

A brother of the naval man, Staff Sgt. William Koble, a turret gunner on a B-17 with the 15th Army Air Force in Italy, had completed 50 missions before being sent to the United States last July. He is now completing a refresher course in aerial gunnery at Luma, Arizona, and will be reassigned to duty.

Their sister, Jean Mathes, lives in Eureka.

Thurs April 19-1945

Returns To States



PFC. JOSEPH ALLIOLI

Wounded while on duty in the South Pacific, Pfc. Joseph F. Allioli has been returned to the states and is now at Hoff General hospital, Santa Barbara.

Before entering the Army Pvt. Allioli was employed by the Pacific Lumber company at Scotia. He is a son of Mrs. Henry Allioli and the late Henry Allioli of Alton and a brother of Mrs. George Pedrotti and Mrs. Valentine Gamboni of Ferndale, Emma Allioli and Mrs. Charles Davis of Alton, Florence Allioli of Santa Rosa and Frank Allioli of Napa.

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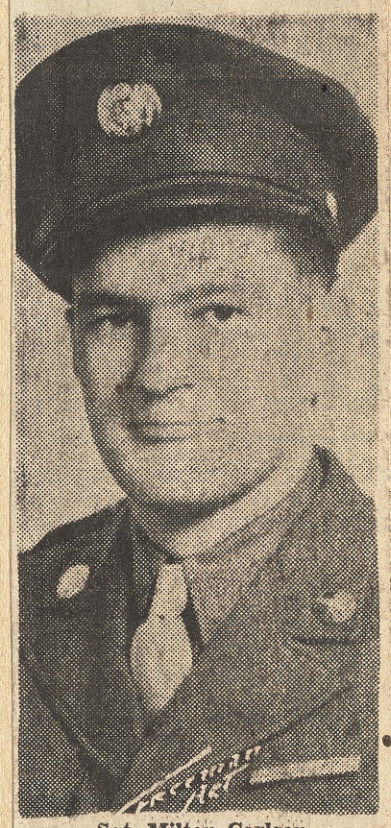
South Pacific Vet

Home On Furlough



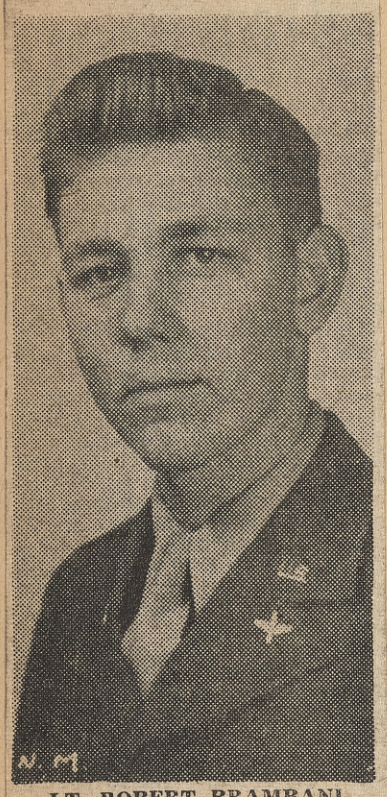
Sgt. Milton Carlson

Having been overseas in the Central and South Pacific regions since October, 1942, Sgt. Milton Carlson is home to visit his parents, Mr and Mrs. J. W. Carlson of Eureka. He was serving in a clerical capacity with the aviation engineers on the Gilberts, Saipan and Hawaii.

Sgt. Carlson is a graduate of Eureka High school and Humboldt State college and had worked in his father's clothing store on Second street. He has two brothers, Selwin Carlson at Mare Island and T. W. Carlson of Eureka.

Fri April 20-1945

Wins Commission



LT. ROBERT BRAMBANI

Today at the Army Air Forces Bombardier school, Carlsbad, New Mexico, Army Air Field, Aviation Cadet Robert J. Brambani of Eureka became a second lieutenant, having completed the standard bombardiering course and instruction in dead-reckoning navigation.

Now ready for active duty, Lt. Brambani expects to be home within a few days to spend a two-week leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brambani of 2537 K street.

The young officer graduated from Eureka High school in June, 1943, and in November entered the Army Air Forces. He trained at Sheppard Field, Texas, Utah State college at Logan, at Merced and took gunnery training at Kingman, Arizona, before going to Carlsbad.

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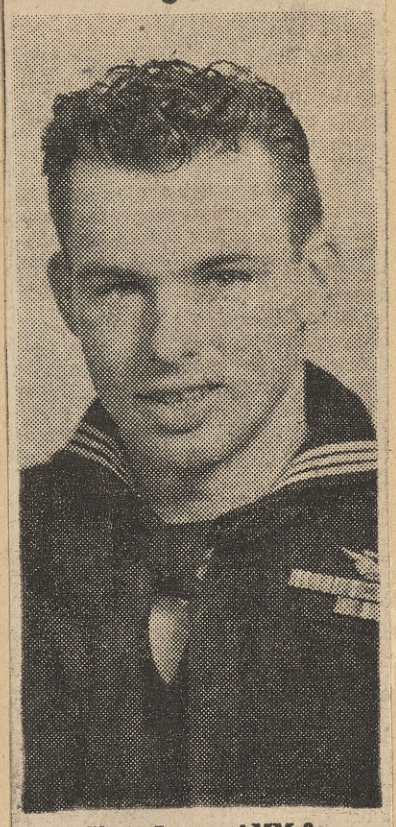
Visiting Parents



Glenn Jasper, AMM 3c

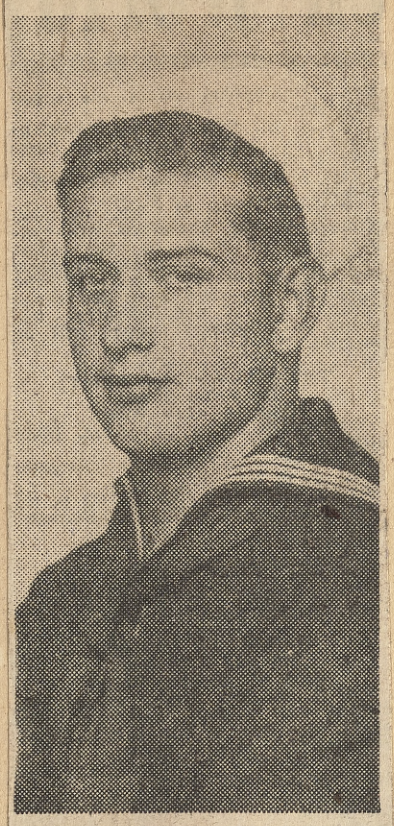
Home on his first in two and a half years, Glenn Jasper, aviation machinist mate third class, and his wife are visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis O. Jasper of 2603 P street.

Serving on an escort carrier, the naval man participated in action in the Mediterranean area, the Southern France invasion and the Philippines.

Jasper will report later in Chicago to begin a naval course in hydraulics.

Sat April 21-1945

Killed In Action



John Martin

John Dayton Martin, gunners mate third class, was killed in action while serving with the Pacific Fleet according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Martin of Willow Creek.

Martin, 22, graduated from Arcata High school and enlisted in 1942 in the Navy, training at Farragut, Idaho, and serving at Treasure Island before going to sea. He had been home on leave a year ago.

Surviving are his parents, a brother, Lincoln B. Martin, AAM2c now in Oklahoma; sister, Doris Martin of San Francisco; grandmother, Mrs. Delphia Flower of Willow Creek; several aunts and uncles.

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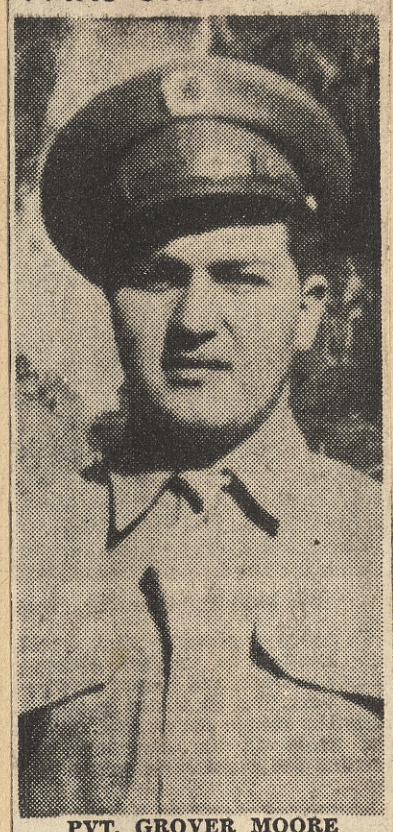
Pvt. Grover Moore Wins Citation



PVT. GROVER MOORE

Private Grover Moore, son of Mrs. Nettie Moore of Weitchpec, is a member of the Fourth Marine Division which received a presidential unit citation for heroic action in combat, according to information received here.

The presidential citation reads as follows:

"For outstanding performance in combat during the seizure of the Japanese-held island of Saipan and Tinian in the Marianas from June 15 to August 1, 1944.

"Valiantly storming the mighty fortifications of Saipan on June 15, the Fourth division, reinforced, blasted the stubborn defenses of the enemy in an undeviating advance over the perilously rugged terrain.

"Unflinching despite heavy casualties, this gallant group pursued the Japanese relentlessly across the entire length of the island, pressing on against bitter opposition for twenty-five days to crush all resistance in their zone of action.

"With but a brief period in which to reorganize and re-equip, the Division hurled its full fighting power against the dangerously narrow beaches of Tinian on July 24 and rapidly expanded the beachheads for the continued landing of troops, supplies and artillery.

"Unchecked by either natural obstacles or hostile fire, these indomitable men spearheaded a merciless attack which swept Japanese forces before it and ravaged all opposition within eight days to add Tinian to our record of conquests in these strategically vital islands."

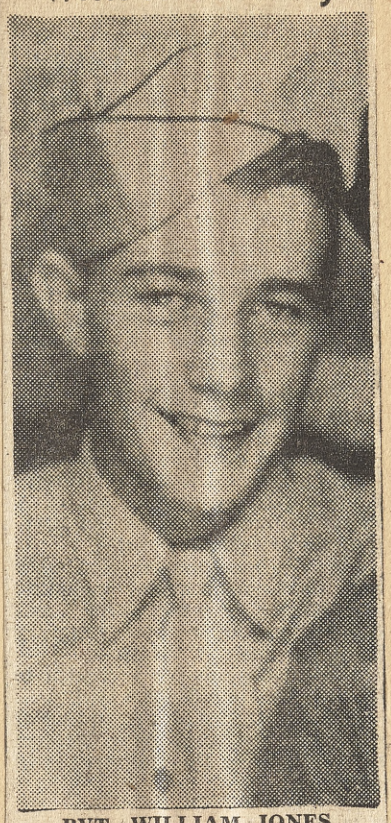
Private Moore, who is a member of Company C of the Fourth Marine Division, reinforced, has two brothers in the service; Staff Sergeant Glenn Moore, who was with the Army in France but is now back in the United States and CM First Class Edward Moore, now on active duty in the Pacific.

Another brother, Sergeant Bennett Moore, was killed in action in the South Pacific, and a fourth brother, Donald Moore, lives in Eureka.

Before entering the service, Private Grover Moore was a welder for the Chicago Bridge and Iron company plant here, and participated in boxing matches on local amateur programs.

Sat April 21-1945

With Third Army



PVT. WILLIAM JONES

Pvt. William (Bucky) Jones of Eureka is serving in the Sixth Armored Division, Third Army, commanded by Gen. George Patton, and now pushing through Czechoslovakia. His parents are Mrs. Lyla Haynes of Eureka and William H. Jones of Placerville.

Pvt. Jones, who boxed as an amateur in Eureka matches, was featherweight boxing champion at Fort Meade, Maryland, where he trained before going overseas. Weighing 128, Jones was matched in 17 bouts and lost only one at Fort Meade.

Sat April 21-1945

Coast Guard Vet

Seaman Zane Dunbar

Coast Guardsman Zane Dunbar, 18 year old veteran of Morotai and Leyte invasions, is now serving aboard a Coast Guard-manned frigate on North Pacific patrol duty. A seaman first class, he serves as loader on an anti-aircraft gun.

Dunbar enlisted in the Coast Guard in October, 1943, after attending Eureka High school. His mother is Mrs. Melba Sorenson of 923 Third street.

Tues April 24-1945

Returns To Base

S/Sgt. Robert Foster

ARCATA, April 25—Staff Sgt. Robert Foster, who has completed 35 missions over Europe, including bombing of Berlin and other places and installations while a member of a B-17 bomber crew, has returned to Santa Ana Air base after visiting at home.

Sgt. Foster has earned the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, the European ribbon with three battle stars, and is credited with saving the radio operator's life when their plane crashed in France after its motors were shot away.

He visited here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foster, and in Samoa with his sister, Mrs. Frank Borges.

Mon April 25-1945

Wins Promotion

Cpl. Joseph Somma

Joseph Somma of Eureka, with a motor pool unit, Army Air Force in Australia for a year and a half, has recently been promoted to his present rank. Somma was formerly employed here by the Lazio Fish company.

Cpl. Somma is a brother of Mrs. Nell Massaro and an uncle of Pvt. Frank Massaro with the Marines in the South Pacific.

Mon April 23-1945

Lost In Action

Over Germany

Lt. Lewis P. Lewis

1st Lt. Leland P. Lewis, a fighter pilot with the 12th Army Air Forces, Thunderbolt Group, has been reported missing in action over Germany since March 16, according to word just received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar H. Lewis of Thorn.

Lt. Lewis, in the Mediterranean area since June of 1944, had completed 75 missions in January of this year when his parents last heard from him. Last fall his unit received a Presidential Citation.

The officer enlisted in the Army Air Forces in March, 1942, and was commissioned at Napier Field, Dotham, Alabama. His brother, MM2c Harold Lewis in the Seabees, recently left the east coast for overseas duty. His other brother and sisters are Ralph Lewis of South San Francisco, Mrs. Vivian Sanford and Mrs. M. E. Sowerwine of Thorn.

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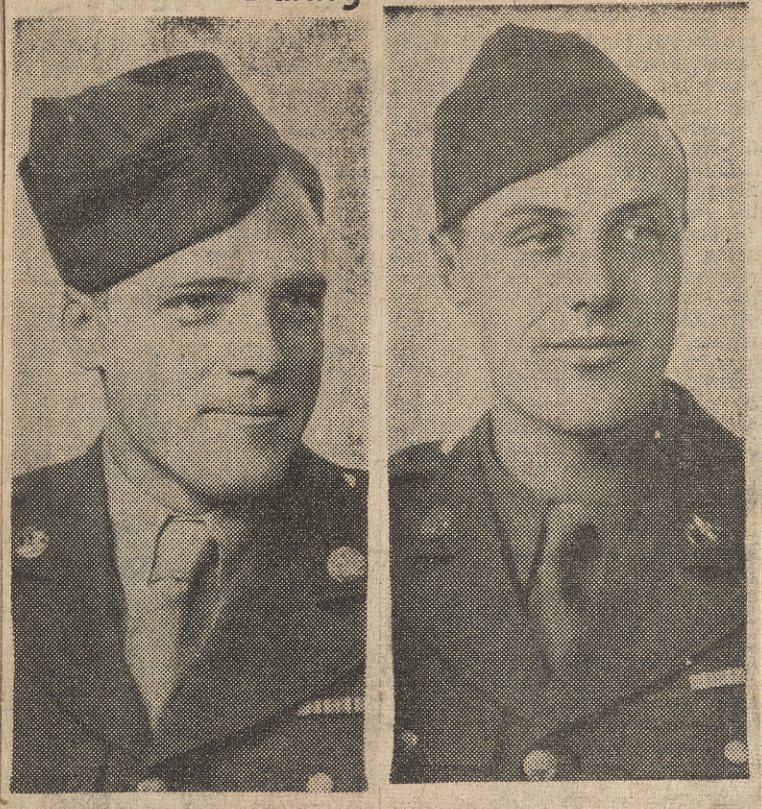
Samoa Youth Killed In Action

During Drive Toward Berlin



Cpl. Raymond Cater

Cpl. William Cater

Corporal William Grant Cater, 28, shown on the right of the picture with his brother, Corporal Raymond Cater, was killed March 21 in action in Germany. He was a paratroopist with the group that spearheaded General Patton and Hodge's drive toward Berlin and is the first serviceman who had spent his boyhood in Samoa to be killed in action.

Cpl. Cater had been overseas four months, leaving the states last November after visiting his father, Grant Cater, electrician for the Hammond Lumber Company.

The serviceman was born at Westwood and joined the Army in San Francisco three years ago. He trained at Fort Lewis, Washington, and spent two years at Fort Richardson, Alaska, and was transferred to Dutch Harbor, arriving just a half hour after the Japs had left. Later he joined a tank outfit at Fort Elisa, Texas, and was stationed there for six months. He was transferred to Fort Benning, Georgia, where he volunteered as a paratrooper while he was serving with a demolition squad.

WAS BOY SCOUT

Cater attended schol in Samoa and the Arcata High school, was a member, when a youth, of Boy Scout Troop 18. He was employed four years as a block setter for the Hammond Lumber Company.

Surviving, in addition to his father and brother, Raymond, are his mother, Mrs. Thelma Peterson of Oakland; grandmother, Mrs. William Snow of Santa Rosa; an uncle, Lloyd Snook of Samoa.

Corporal Raymond Cater, 24, is stationed at an Army Air Force base in India, having been overseas since last December.

Raymond Cater joined the army in 1940 in San Francisco, trained at Fort Lewis, Washington, and went to Fort Benning, Georgia, where he became a paratrooper, and was transferred to Panama for several months. He was injured in a jump when three paratroopers tangled in the air. He was home on furlough 18 months ago and was surprised to see his brother, also home on furlough, two days after his arrival. The picture with this article was taken at that time.

Raymond Cater was born at Fort Bragg, attended school in Samoa and the Arcata High school.

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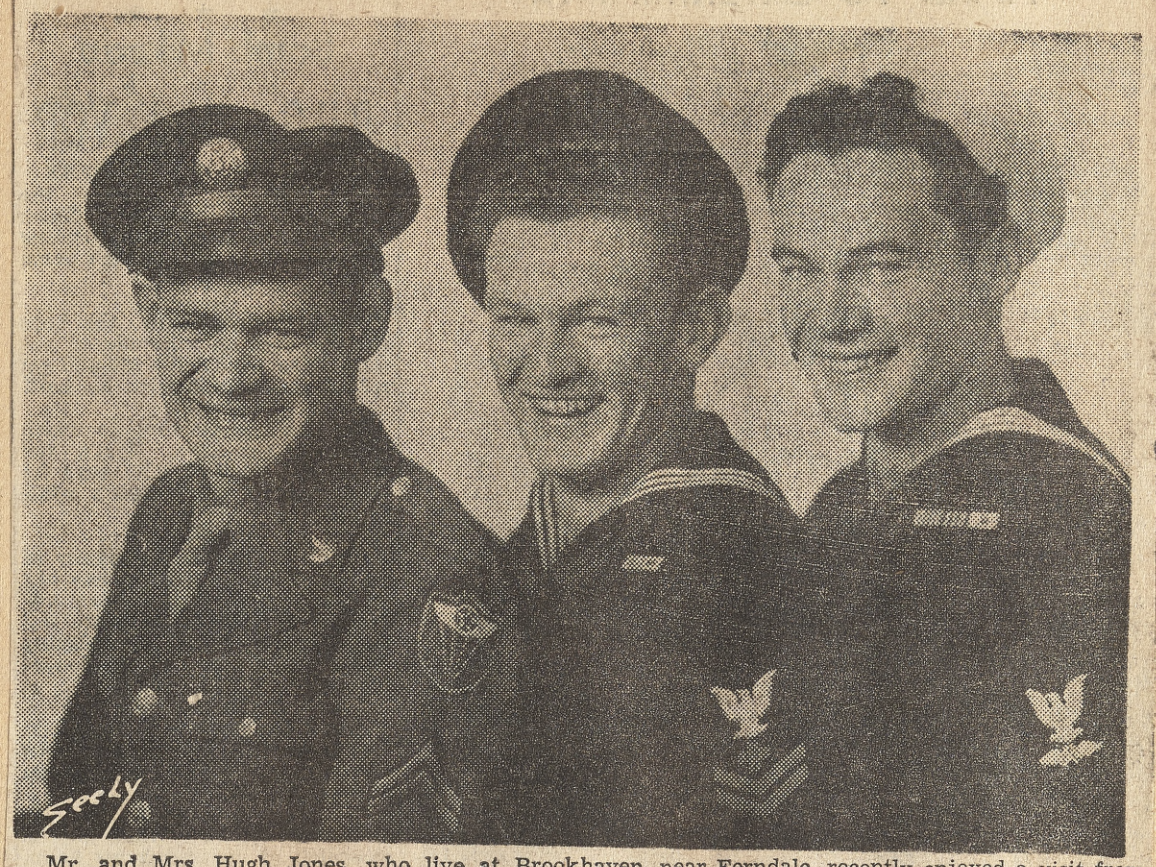
THREE SONS IN SERVICE VISIT HOME



Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jones, who live at Brookhaven, near Ferndale, recently enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Jones' three sons, formerly of Eureka and graduates of Eureka High school, who are in military service.

From the left, they are Cpl. Lewis W. Conry, with Fourth Air Force Headquarters in San Francisco as administrative clerk, enlisted personnel division; Pharmacists mate 2c Leonard M. Conry, who has served 16 months in the Gilberts, enlisting after completing a year at Santa Rosa Junior college; Aviation Metalsmith 1c Robert P. Conry, who enlisted after Pearl Harbor, served in the Atlantic and Pacific theatres and is in Oklahoma for advanced training. He attended Woodbury Art school in Los Angeles and while stationed at Great Lakes naval training school attended University of Chicago.

Thurs April 27-1945

On Furlough

S/Sgt. Charles O'Leary

Staff Sgt. Charles O'Leary, a veteran of 69 missions with the Fifth Bomber Command in the South Pacific and now with the Second Air Force taking B-29 training at El Paso, Texas, is here on a 21-day furlough as a guest of James Pitera of 925 F street.

O'Leary, formerly a member of the California National Guard in Eureka, was gunner and aerial engineer with a B-25 group for 14 months in the South Pacific and is credited with 265 operational flight hours. He has received the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with several battle stars.

Sgt. O'Leary entered the Army in May, 1942, is a graduate of Ferndale High school.

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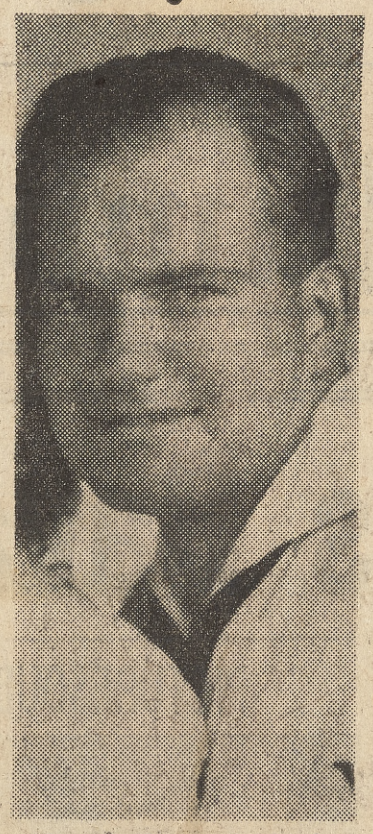
Visiting Mother



Kenneth Fraser, MoMM 2c

In the Navy since 1942, Kenneth R. Fraser, motor machinists mate 2c recently returned from two years sea duty and participation in the Normandy invasion on D-Day and is visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Gladys Martin of 1017 C street.

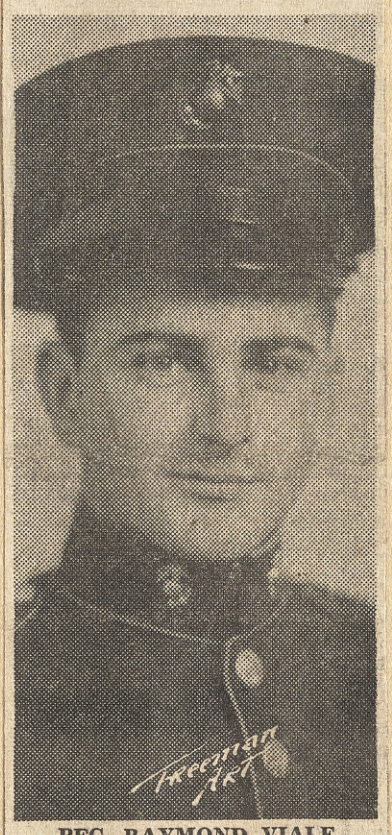
Before leaving for overseas duty Fraser and Patricia Saunders, who teaches in an elementary school in Chicago, Illinois, were married April 19, 1943. His wife, whose mother, Mrs. Coila Saunders lives at Palos Park, Illinois, accompanied her husband to visit his mother here. The naval man's father, E. C. Fraser, lives in Berkeley.

Leaving Friday, Fraser will report for reassignment in Chicago and his wife will resume her teaching position there.

Wed April 25-1945

Missing In Action

South Pacific Area



PFC. RAYMOND VIALE

Raymond R. Viale, private first class in the United States Marine Corps, has been reported missing in action in the performance of his duty and service of his country, according to a telegram received today by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Viale, 2620 Hall avenue, Eureka, from the commandant of the Marine Corps.

"I realize your great anxiety," the telegram said, "but details are not available and delay in receipt thereof must be expected."

Viale enlisted in the Marines on August 29, 1943, and went overseas in the Pacific area in July, 1944. He was a member of Company I, Third Battalion 26th Marines, Fifth Division, which invaded Iwo Jima.

Before entering the service, Viale was employed by the Eureka Newspapers, Inc., in the circulation department.

Wed April 26-1945

Home On Leave

Urho Malin, CH2c

Urho (Mike) Malin, gunners mate second class, is home on leave after 16 months in the South Pacific to visit his mother, Mrs. Ulin Malin of 112 West Cedar street.

Thurs April 26-1945

Air Medal
For Bayside Youth

Lt. Bradley Barnes

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, (England)- Shown at the controls of his B-17 Flying Fortress is Second Lieutenant George Bradley Barnes, 23 year old co-pilot from Bayside, California.

Lt. Barnes has recently been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" while participating in 8th air force attacks on vital industrial targets and enemy held installations in Germany. The official citation accompanying the award commented on the "courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Barnes on all occasions," as reflecting "great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States." The presentation was made by his group commander, Colonel William J. Wrigglesworth of Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

As a member of the 447th bombardment group, a unit of the Third Air Division, the division which has been cited by the President for the now historic England-Africa shuttle mission bombing of Messerschmitt factories at Regensburg, Germany, Lt. Barnes is flying combat missions in what is considered to be the toughest theatre of aerial warfare.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Barnes of Bayside, Lt. Barnes before entering the Army Air Forces in December, 1942, was a student at Humboldt State college. He received his pilot's wings and commission in May, 1944, at Marfa Texas. His wife, Patricia, lives at 2868 D street, Eureka, California.

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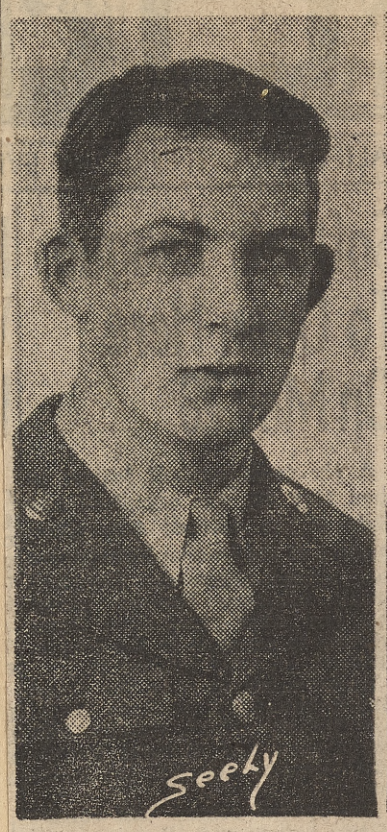
EUREKA BROTHERS IN SERVICE



Pfc. Harry Williamson

Seaman Robert Williamson

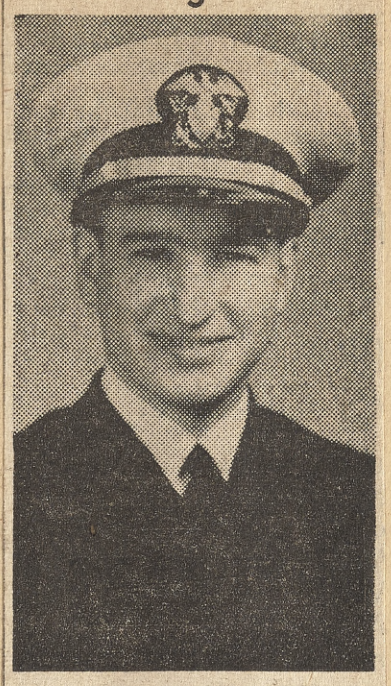
Pfc. Harry G. Williamson, attached to a medical battalion is with the Army in Germany, and his brother, Seaman 1c Robert L. Williamson, is on a Navy minesweeper in the Aleutian area. Both youths are sons of Mrs. Leah Williamson and grandsons of Mrs. Frank Williamson of Eureka.

Pfc. Williamson, who wrote not long ago that he had crossed the Rhine river and was headed for Berlin, is a former Eureka High basketball star and a graduate in 1942 from the local high school. He trained at Camp Swift and went overseas in January.

Seaman Williamson, entering the Navy a year ago, trained at Farragut, Idaho, and has been home on leave after serving six months in the northern area, returning there for continued duty.

Thurs April 26-1945

Coming Home



Lt. Robert Parks

Returning from 18 months overseas service, Lt. C. Robert Parks of Eureka, air and Naval Reserve Dental Corps, will be here Tuesday to visit his parents, E. A. Parks, superintendent at the Community hospital, and Mrs. Parks of 2405 Twenty-third street. It will be his first visit here in 30 months.

Lt. Parks had been stationed on Tarawa, the Marshalls and Hawaii. He is now visiting his sister, Miss Mary E. Parks in Sacramento.

When Lt. Parks' leave is over he will be reassigned to duty in the United States.

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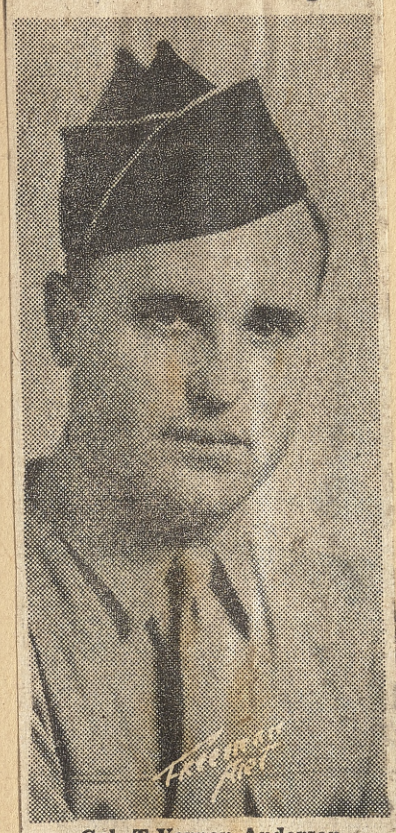
Long Service
Volunteers Again



Cpl.-T Vernon Anderson

A veteran of three years in the Southwest Pacific and of two major engagements, Corporal-technician Vernon Anderson, home on 49 day furlough, will leave in a week to report at Camp Beale, having volunteered again for overseas assignment.

Cpl. Anderson, in the Signal Corps, served a year in Australia and two years in New Guinea, went through the Buna and Guinea campaigns. From the Philippines he returned to stateside on the second ship carrying repatriated Americans from Japanese prison camps.

Enlisting in November, 1941, Anderson trained at Fort Ord and was at San Jose before going overseas in March, 1942. He attended Eureka High school and was employed in civilian life by the Hammond Lumber company.

The veteran signal corpsman is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Eldman of Fairhaven, his brothers and sisters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Anderson of Eureka.

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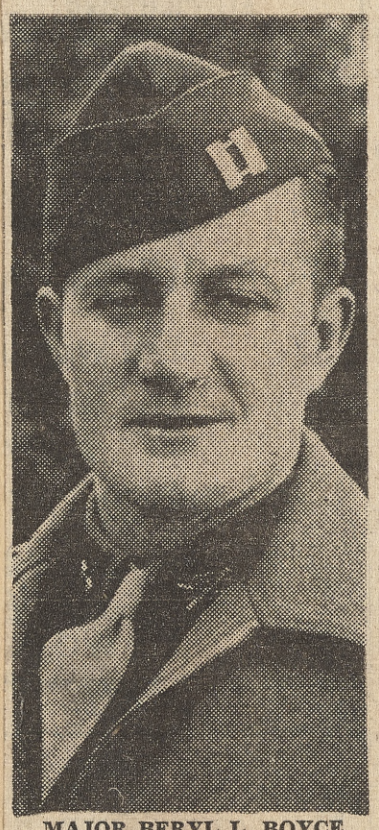
Eureka Officer
Wins Citation



MAJOR BERYL L. BOYCE

Major Beryl L. Boyce, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Boyce of Eureka, now in Germany with Gen. Patch's 7th Army, was recently awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in actual combat operations.

Major Boyce, is a veteran of eight campaigns, French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Southern Italy, Anzio, Rome, France and Germany. He was awarded the Purple Heart in the Anzio battle.

Mayor Boyce's wife and twin sons, Donald and Ronald, live in Eureka. He has a brother, Cpl. Meryle Boyce, with the 9th Air Force in the European area.

Sat April. 28-1945

AIR-WAC
On Furlough

Pvt. Evelyn Kosch

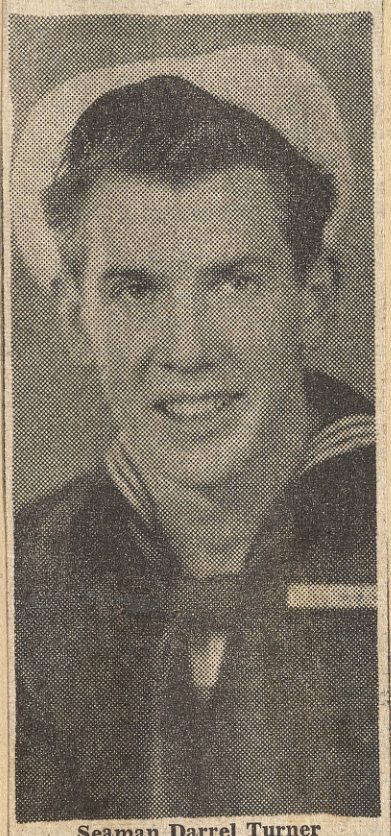
After six months in the Air-WACs, Pvt. Evelyn Kosch is home on 16-day furlough to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Kosch of Gutten. She is stationed as clerk-typist with an Army radio unit in Oakland.

Pvt. Kosch trained at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and had been stationed at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, before being transferred to Oakland last January.

She is a graduate of Eureka High school and Eureka Business college, enlisted through the Eureka recruiting office in October, 1944, and was inducted in San Francisco. She has a sister, Emily Kosch, employed in the Eureka exchange, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

Tues May 1-1945

Home On Leave



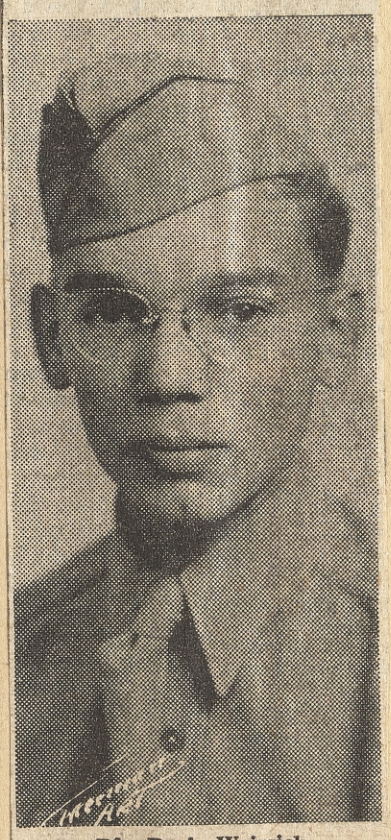
Seaman Darrel Turner

After serving on a carrier that was hit in battle, Seaman 1/c Darrel Turner of Eureka was transferred last October to another aircraft carrier and went through 18 engagements in the Pacific when the Navy attacked Manila, Formosa, Indo-China, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Iwo Jima and other islands and mixed with the Japanese fleet.

Seaman Turner is home on leave to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Turner of 2806 Summer street. A Eureka High graduate and member of the school basketball team while there, Turner left a year ago to train at Farragut, Idaho, before going to Shoemaker and Pearl Harbor to be assigned to a ship last July.

Wed May 2-1945

ON FURLOUGH



Pfc. D. A. Weissich

Home on 18-day furlough before going overseas, Pfc. Daniel A. Weissich, 19, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Weissich of 2215 Chester street.

Pvt. Weissich has been training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, is a member of a tank destroyer unit, Armored Division.

Sat May 5-1945

Samoan Survived Sinking Off Okinawa

Chester R. Filkins, WT 1/c

"I'm okay," were the welcome words written to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Filkins of Samoa by their son, Chester R. Filkins, water tender first class, who was on the destroyer Bush, when the ship was sunk April 6 during the battle for Okinawa.

According to Petty Officer Filkins' letter, written April 21, he suffered only minor burns and a "salt water bath." He continued, "I jumped just before she (the ship) went down, swam about a hundred yards and stopped to watch her sink. Then I climbed on a raft and I guess I was in the water five to 10 hours before I was rescued."

Three days after Pearl Harbor, Filkins, then employed by the Hammond Lumber company, enlisted in the Navy and went to San Diego for training before being sent on sea duty. He served for 18 months on the Tennessee, and then on the destroyer. He was home on leave about a year ago. The Samoan is a veteran of countless battle actions all through the South Pacific campaigns.

A graduate of Eureka High school Filgas is a brother of Mrs. J. L. Reed of Sacramento and Miss Ina Filkins of Portland, Oregon.

Wed May 2-1945

At Peace Meet

Military Police

Cpl. Vincent Phillips

Among the crack 749th Military Police Battalion from Camp Beale, chosen by the Army to police the United Nations Conference in San Francisco, is a former Humboldt youth, Cpl. Vincent Phillips whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Phillips of Hydesville.

The 749th MPs are stationed in the conference city for the weeks of the meeting to safeguard visiting dignitaries, direct crowds and assist government officials at the important sessions. Members of the 749th were the first ones to receive the Good Conduct medal.

Cpl. Phillips formerly lived in Petaluma, attended school at Hydesville, graduated from Fortuna High school and attended Humboldt State college for three semesters.

Sat May 5-1945

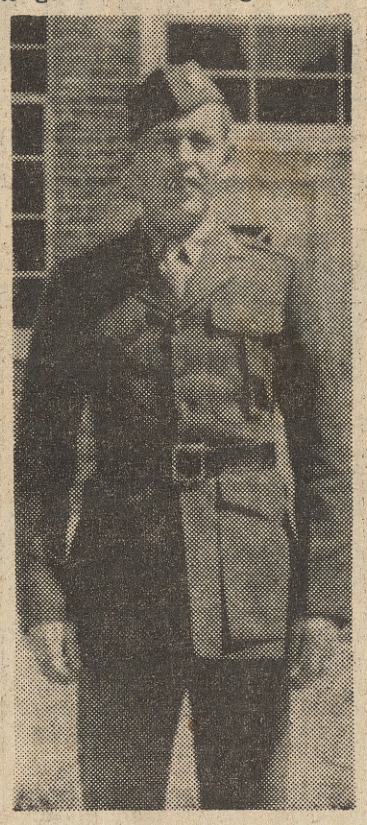
Eurekan Saw Bitter Fighting During Iwo Campaign; Twice Wounded

(By Sgt. Alvin M. Josephy, Jr., a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent)

IWO JIMA (Delayed)—Pharmacist's mate second class John M. Cloney, Eureka, California, was attached to the Marines of the 21st Regiment on this island.

During the bitter fighting he was twice wounded while trying to help evacuate injured Marines. Both times he refused relief. He dressed his own wounds and went back to the front lines.

When a volunteer was needed to go out and bring back a



John M. Cloney, PM2C

wounded Marine officer, Cloney put his medical pouch on his shoulder and crawled out through the darkness to the wounded man. He stayed with him all night, nursing him until the stretcher party came to move him to a first aid station.

The following night the corpsman was in a front line foxhole with two Marines when a Japanese mortar shell landed close by. Its fragments killed one of the men and wounded a second. Cloney, unhurt, took care of the injured man the remainder of the night.

Jack Cloney, whose heroic deeds are recounted in the story from Iwo Jima, is now recovering from his wounds in a Pearl Harbor hospital. He suffered shrapnel wounds, one piece puncturing his lung, but he is getting along pretty well at last report.

The naval veteran enlisted in 1941 and is a Eureka High school graduate. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. James S. Cloney of 821 I street and he has a brother, Radioman Technician 1c Robert Cloney on sea duty in the Pacific area.

Thurs May 3-1945

Eurekan In England

Eighth Air Force

T/Sgt. Paul Fleming

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, (England)-Technical Sergeant Paul E. Fleming, 32, of Eureka California, is crew chief of an engine repair unit in the aircraft maintenance depot of the 95th Bombardment Group, a B-17 Flying Fortress component of the Eighth Air Force.

The AAF engine crew chief is a member of the Fortress group, commanded by Colonel Jack E. Shuck of Casper, Wyoming, which led the first American bombing attacks on targets in Berlin, and which has been cited singly by the President for its exploits on a mission to Munster, Germany, in October, 1943. On that occasion, Forts of the group fought their way through hundreds of attacking enemy planes to bomb railroad marshaling yards successfully, then rallied straggling elements of other groups led them safely back to England.

As a unit of the distinguished Third Air Division, the 95th also shared in another Presidential citation given the entire division for its historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of an important Messerschmitt fighter plane plant at Regensburg, Germany, in August of 1943.

Crew Chief Paul Fleming's mother is Mrs. Edward Fleming of 817 Third street. A graduate of Eureka High school he has been in the Army about three years and had been employed in San Francisco in civilian life. His father was the late Rev. Fleming, pastor of the Baptist church here for 15 years. He has a brother, David Fleming, with the Fifth Army in Italy.

Fri May 4-1945

Bronze Star

Awarded Eurekan

Sgt. George Milton Cole

Sergeant George Milton Cole, son of County Supervisor George J. Cole of Eureka, has been awarded the bronze star medal by direction of the President, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany, on March 13-14, 1945, according to report to relatives here from the commanding general of the 78th Infantry Division.

"His untiring efforts, without regard for his personal safety, were a vital point in the success of the operations, and are in accordance with the highest military traditions," said the citation issued by his commanding general. The citation continues:

During operations in heavily wooded and extremely hilly terrain in Germany, Sergeant Cole, communications sergeant, continually exposed himself to heavy small arms fire from numerous enemy strongpoints and intensive enemy artillery concentrations in order to maintain communications between various coordinating units in the attack and higher headquarters.

"During the entire forty-eight hour period Sergeant Cole, without relief and with no protection for himself, carried an SGR radio over the difficult terrain under heavy enemy fire."

Sergeant Cole was wounded January 12 in Germany and received the infantry's combat badge at that time. He is a member of Company A, 309th Infantry Regiment. He fought in Belgium during the campaign there.

Cole entered the Army in February 1944, trained in Texas and Virginia, and went overseas in October, 1944, later transferring from England to France and Belgium. He has a wife, Gladys, and daughter, Janice, living at 614 M street, Eureka.

Before entering the service he was employed as parts manager at the Gustafson-Jensen company.

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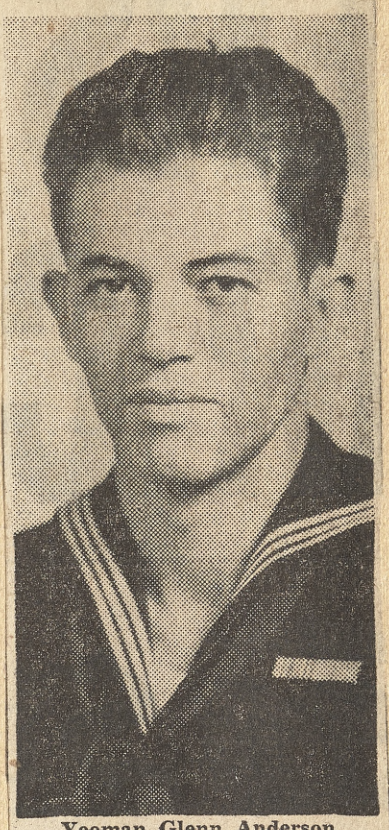
VISITED HERE



Yeoman Glenn Anderson

For 29 months Yeoman 3/c Glenn Anderson, former Eurekan, has served in Honolulu as cable and radio censor. On leave now he recently visited in Eureka with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Johnson of 736 J street, leaving yesterday for San Jose, his home town.

Yeoman Anderson will be married next Sunday to Miss Vivian Rockwell of San Jose and his bride will accompany him to Washington, D. C. later when he goes there to continue as cable and radio censor.

He was born in Eureka and before entering the Naval Reserve attended school in San Jose where his mother, Mrs. Ethel Anderson, lives.

Sat May 5-1945

Home On Leave

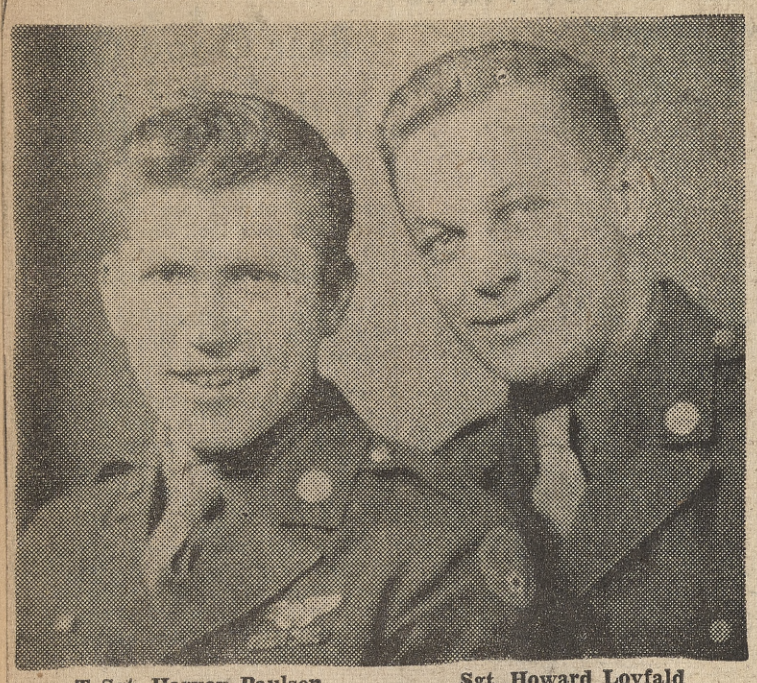
Bert Waring, PO 2c

FERNDALE, May 7.-Home on a 30-day leave Petty Officer 2c Bert Waring is back from 22 months service in the South Pacific where he won two stars for combat participation in Saipan and Gilberts battles. He has been in the Navy three years, will report later at Camp Shoemaker for reassignment and advancement to petty officer first class.

The naval man's mother is Mrs. Grace Waring of Ferndale and he is a brother of Staff Sgt. Ronald Waring of the Airborne Division, reported missing in action in Belgium since January 6.

Mon May 7-1945

COUSINS MEET IN ENGLAND



T-Sgt. Harvey Paulsen Sgt. Howard Lovfald

For the first time in 31 months service in the Army Air Forces, Technical Sgt. Harvey Paulsen of Crannell and Sgt. Howard Lovfald of Fields Landing, cousins, met recently in England.

Sgt. Paulsen is a gunner-radioman on a B-17 bomber. He attended the Crannell school and Arcata High school, was employed by the Hammond Lumber company. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Halvor Paulsen of Crannell, who expect their son home in the early future.

Sgt. Lovfald attended school at Fields Landing and Eureka High school, was employed by the Holmes Eureka Lumber company in the machine shop. He has served 21 months in a modification repair depot in England. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lovfald of Fields Landing.

Sat May 5-1945

Freeman Brothers Visiting Home

Earl and Russell Freeman, Seabees

Earl Freeman, painter 3c, and Russell (Buster) Freeman, boatswain's mate 2c, both in the Seabees, are home from 27 months service in the South Pacific. They have 30 day leaves.

The brothers served in Hawaii, the Solomons and on Guam, will be reassigned from Carp Parks. Earl Freeman worked here as a painter for Al Camilli and Russell Freeman was a carpenter's helper, before joining the Seabees.

They are sons of Mrs. Eva Ziegler of 840 L street and Earl Freeman's wife, Myrtle, lives on Harrison Avenue, Russell Freeman's wife, Fern, in Arcata. They have a brother, Vernon Freeman of San Rafael, recently honorably discharged from naval service, and sisters, Mrs. Al Camilli of Eureka, Mrs. Edna Olsen of Carlotta.

Wed 9-1945 May

Back At Camp

Dale Spinas, Seabee

TRINIDAD, May 10. - Dale Spinas, shipfitter 3c, Seabees, who has been home on leave is now at Camp Parks awaiting overseas reasssignment.

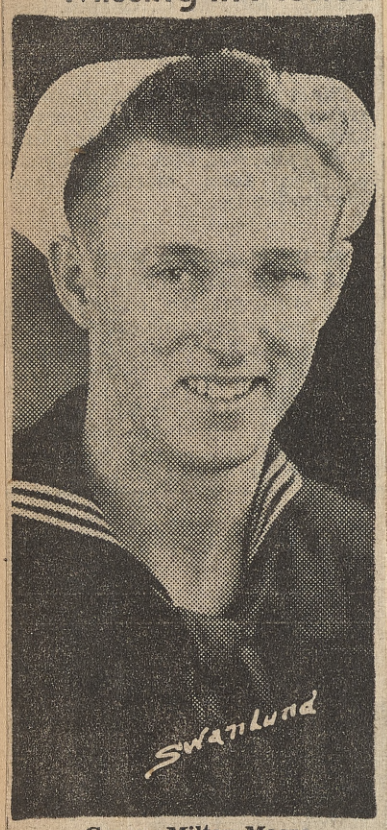
Spinas enlisted three years ago, has served 23 months in New Guinea and Netherlands East Indies. He is a graduate of Arcata High school and attended Humboldt State college.

Parents of the Seabee are Mr. and Mrs. John Spinas of Trinidad and he is a brother of Lt. Elrid Spinas of the Marine Corps, a fighter pilot in the South Pacific.

Thurs May 10. 1945

Eureka Youth

Missing In Action



George Milton Moore

George Milton Moore of Eureka, seaman second class in the U. S. Navy, has been reported missing in action in the service of his country, according to a telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Harry Moore, 4307 Myrtle street in Cutten.

The telegram came from Vice Amiral Randall Jacobs, chief of naval personnel, and gave no other details.

Besides his parents, Seaman Moore is survived by seven brothers and sisters, a grandmother three aunts, an uncle and two nephews. He attended Eureka high school until October, 1943, when he left to enter the Navy at the age of 17. He won several letters while at high school.

Moore was also a member of the Civil Air Patrol unit of Eureka. His last service was on landing service transport, after leaving the United States in January of this year.

Tues May 6-1945

Liberated

From Nazi Camp

Cpl. Henry Tonini

FERNDALE, May 7. - Liberated by the Allies from a German prisoner of war camp, Cpl. Henry Tonini, infantry, of Ferndale is now safe in France and will soon be home, according to word received Saturday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tonini.

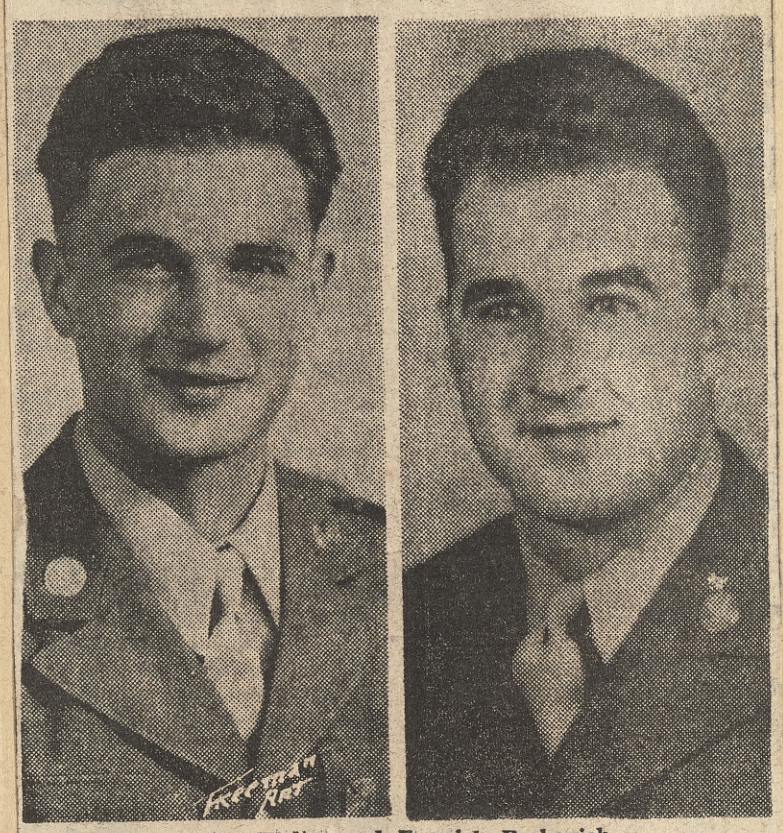
Cpl. Tonini had been reported missing in action four months ago.

Another Ferndale youth, Pvt. Wallace Pedrotti, wounded in Italy on April 16, is getting along all right, according to word received from him by his father, Alfonso Pedrotti, who has just received his Purple Heart Medal.

Pedrotti has a brother, David, in the Navy at San Diego, and his sister, Audrey Pedrotti, is in the WAVES, a clerk in San Diego.

Brothers Visiting Eureka Home

First Meeting In Three Years



Pfcs. Walter and Emerick Baskovich

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Baskovich of 635 B street are entertaining their sons, Pfc. Walter Baskovich and Pfc. Emerick Baskovich, who are home to visit for the first time in three years.

Pfc. Walter Baskovich entered the Army in 1942, had been overseas eight months when he was wounded while fighting with his paratroop division near Nijmegen, Holland.

Pfc. Emerick Baskovich is a radio operator for C-46 and C-47 transport planes, trained for two and a half years and came here from Love Field, Dallas, Texas. Attached to the Air Transport Command, AAF, he will report to the Nashville staging area for overseas assignment.

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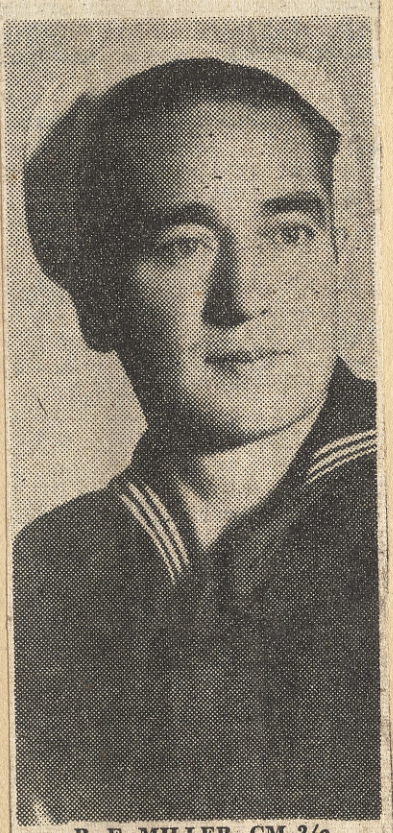
Home On Leave



R. F. MILLER, CM 2/c

Having been two years on Tarawa and Hawaii, Raymond F. Miller, carpenters mate 2/c, Navy, is home on 30 day leave after which he will report at Camp Shoemaker for reassignment.

Miller, who formerly was employed here by the Holmes Eureka Lumber company, is visiting his three children at Tenino and Castle Rock, Washington, and will return later to spend some time here with relatives.

His father is J. A. Miller of Eureka and his mother, the late Mrs. Emma Miller, died here March 13. He is a brother of Mrs. Alvin McInnes of St. Louis, Mrs. O. A. Ayers of Eureka and L. B. Miller of Live Oak.

Mon May 14-1945

VICTORY

GERMANY SURRENDERS

Mon May 7-1945

Nazis Capitulate At Order Of Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz

LONDON, May 7. - (UP) -All remaining German forces have surrendered, a German broadcast said today, and an official Allied proclamation of the end of the war in Europe was expected by 6 p. m. (12 Noon EWT).

LONDON, May 7. - (UP) - The BBC recorded at 2:09 p. m. (8:09 a. m. EWT) a radio Flensburg broadcast quoting the German foreign minister as announcing that the German high command accepts unconditional surrender.

The Flensburg radio on the German-Danish border said the German surrender decisioi was reported by Count Ludwig Scherwin von Krosigk, foreign minister appointed only last week.

(An FCC recording of the surrender report quoted Von Krosigk as saying: "German men and women! The high command of the armed forces has today, at the order of Grand Admiral Doenitz, declared unconditional surrender of all fighting German troops.")

Mon May 7-1945

First Humboldter Wins Discharge Under New Army Point System

First local man to be discharged from military service under the newly adopted point system is Staff Sgt. Frank J. Meness, veteran with the 814th Engineer Batallion in several campaigns during his nearly four years of Army service, holder of the Legion of Merit, the Purple Heart medal and five Bronze Battle Stars.

Honorably discharged at Camp Beale, Marysville, Meness had 23 more points than the 85 points needed and said the processing was carried out so expeditiously he scarcely realized he was out of the Army . . . in fact, he had been expecting to "go across the Pacific to help finish the job," he said today.

Meness earned his battle stars for the Algeria-French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia and Rome-Arno campaigns. He received the Purple Heart for shrapnel wounds that kept him in a hospital in Italy for three weeks. The Legion of Merit was awarded to him for "extraordinary fidelity and essential service while in a position of responsibility" and it is only conferred on outstanding officers and enlisted men.

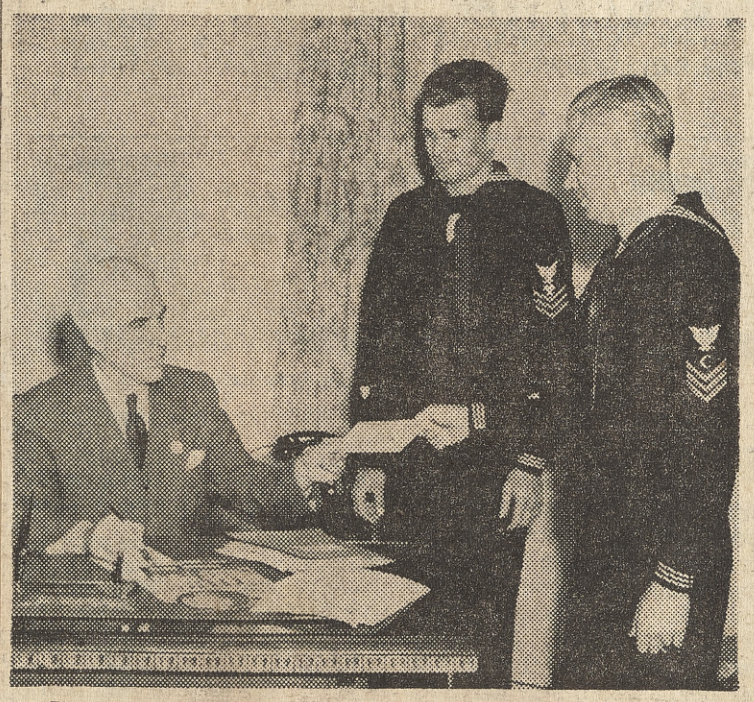
His duty with the Engineer Batallion included construction and repair of landing fields, road building and mine clearance and they were many times close to front line fighting and almost all the time in hazardous areas. He had been overseas two years and eight months when he returned to the United States this spring.

Before entering the Army Meness had been employed by the California Barrel company at Arcata. Last March 21 he was married to the former Helen Madden of Eureka and their home is at 735 McCullen avenue. His home was formerly at Cedar Edge, Colorado.

Staff Sgt. Frank J. Meness

Time May 15-1945

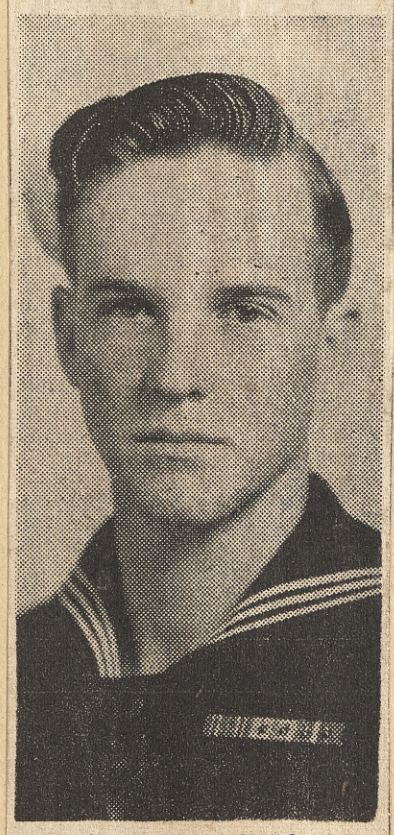
Eureka Serviceman Meets Stettinius



It was a great day in the lives of these Coast Guardsmen when they, along with members of the other armed services, were chosen as special members for the United Nations Conference in San Francisco, for it brought them in touch with world leaders. Here, taking a message from Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, is (left), Vernon H. Johnson, machinist's mate first class, USCG, of 317 I street, Eureka, and, (right), Ray T. Rudeen, ship's cook first class, USCGR, of Elmwood Park, Illinois.

Wed May 16-1945

Visiting Mother



James Moore, EM 3c

Home on leave after duty in the South Pacific on a troop transport, James B. Moore, electricians mate third class is visiting his mother, Mrs. Emma Moore, and sisters, Patricia and Janis, in Eureka.

Moore participated in Saipan, Palau, Leyte and Luzon invasions, in evacuations of wounded Marines from Iwo Jima. In the Navy since September, 1943, he trained at Farragut, Idaho, before going to sea.

Time May 29-1945

Congress Hears Story Of Nazi Atrocity Camps

WASHINGTON, May 15. -(U.P.)- Congress heard at first hand today a part of the terrible story of Nazi methods of rule by extermination.

A 12-man committee of both houses, fresh from a tour of German concentration and slave labor camps, verified many of the worst atrocity stories.

They told a tragic tale of filth, disease, starvation and murder.

Declaring the concentration camp practices to be "no less than organized crime against civilization," they demanded "swift, certain and adequate punishment" for those responsible.

Senate Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky, spokesman for the committee, voiced it this way:

"Through the sickening spectacle which we have witnessed . . . will come ultimately a firmer realization that men of all nations and tongues must resist encroachments of every theory and ideaology that debases mankind . . ."

The 12-man committee, invited by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to see the results of Nazi treatment of political prisoners and slave laborers, visited camps at Buchenwald, Nordhausen and Dachau.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members were Barkley, Sens. Walter F. George, D., Ga., Elbert D. Thomas, D., Utah, C. Wayland Brooks, R., Ill., Kenneth S. Wherry, R., Neb., and Leverett Saltonstall, R., Mass., and Reps. R. Ewing Thomason, D., Tex., James P. Richards, D., S. C., Ed V. Izac, D., Calif., John M. Vorys, R., O., James W. Mott, R., Ore., and Dewey Short, R., Mo.

Barkley, who read his report to the senate, charged that the camps constituted a "calculated and diabolical program of planned torture and extermination on the part of those who were in control of the German government."

ACCURATE CROSS-SECTION

He said the three camps visited were an "accurate cross-section" of the more than 100 such concentration and slave labor camps in Germany. Camps were largely conducted and controlled by SS troops and the gestapo either acting under orders from superiors or "given wide discretion in the methods they were to adopt in perpetrating these hideous and inhuman sufferings."

He reassured the senate at the outset that American prisoners of war were not incarcerated in any of the concentration camps.

"No prisoners of war are confined in any of these political prisoner camps," he said, "and there is no relationship whatever between a concentration camp for political prisoners and a camp for prisoners of war."

He said the committee based its conclusions upon three classes of evidence: Personal inspection, testimony of eyewitnesses among the prisoners and "common knowledge of the camp"—things not actually seen by the prisoners but which they all knew to be true from circumstantial evidence.

RUMORS NOT CONSIDERED

He said rumor, hearsay and every other doubtful forms of information or testimony had been carefully excluded.

"Those reading the report may be assured that everything therein described was either actually seen by us or reported to us by competent and reliable eyewitnesses or that it is based on circumstantial evidence which we have considered to be as trustworthy as direct evidence itself."

Bodily tortures were not described because "eyewitnesses to the proceedings in the torture chambers seem always to have been done away with.

WHAT THEY SAW

He said the committee saw with its own eyes:

1. "The barracks, the work places, the physical facilities for torture, degradation and execution."

2. "The victims? Both dead and alive," of the atrocities practiced at these camps."

3. "The progress of liquidation by starvation which was still going on."

4. "We saw the indescribable filth and smelled the nauseating stench before it was cleaned up, and we saw a number of victims of this liquidation process actually die."

Barkley said that Buchenwald, the first camp visited, the committee saw the "little camp," in which prisoners slept on triple-decked shelves. Each shelf was about 12 feet square with 16 prisoners to a self. The clearance height between the shelves was a little over two feet.

In the "little camp," he said, prisoners were given six weeks before being graduated to the "regular barracks."

During this time, he said, they were "expected" to lose about 40 per cent in weight. Rations were less than at the regular barracks and the death rate was very high, recently running about 50 per day.

The "regular barracks," he declared, had dormitory rooms approximately 42 by 23 feet and about 10 feet high in which, since the war, 250 persons were made to sleep with less than one blanket per person and no heat.

SENT TO DIE IN HOSPITAL

The "hospital" at Buchenwald, Barkley said, was a place "where moribund (dying) persons were sent to die." No medicines were available, hence there was no treatment. Typhus and tuberculosis were rampant and death rates ran from 5 to 20 persons a day.

The "medical experiment building" at Buchenwald was used by scientsts from Berlin who came down to inoculate "guinea pigs" with deadly diseases. Prisoners were induced to "volunteer" for this by being promised better living quarters and more food.

The crematory at Buchenwald, Barkley said, had a maximum capacity of about 400 bodies per 10-hour day. It was enclosed by a high board fense and manned by SS Guards.

Roll call at Buchenwald was held every evening and a truck collected the bodies of all who had died during the day as well as live prisoners were to be executed for political reasons.

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Eurekan Killed On Okinawa

Pfc. Charles F. Vaughn

Mrs. Rebecca Gordon of 510 T street has received word that her son, Pfc. Charles F. Vaughn, with Company A, 184th Infantry, was killed in action April 22 at Okinawa.

After training at Fort Ord and the Desert Training Center at Needles, Vaughn was sent to the Aleutians for one year, then to the Hawaiian and South Pacific Islands. He had been wounded several times and had received the Silver Star for valor and a Good Conduct medal.

Other surviving relatives are his brothers and sisters, Pvt. Merle Vaughn, with an Anti-Aircraft Battalion in Germany, Harold Vaughn, AM 3c, Oak Noll hospital, Oakland, and Kenneth, Alice and Alta May Vaughn of Eureka.

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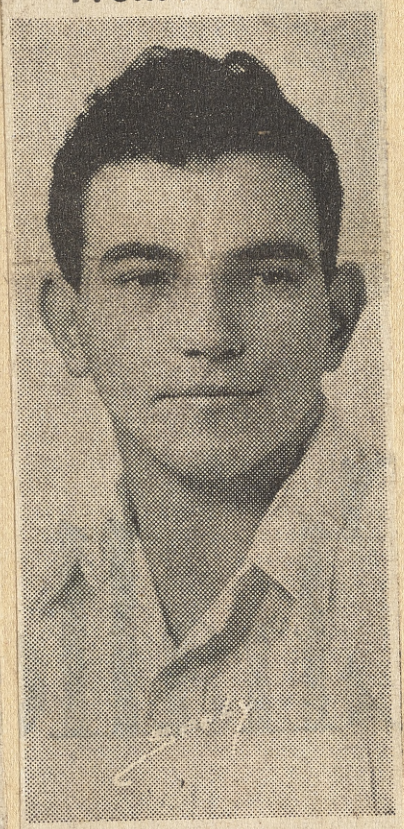
Liberated From Nazi Prison



T/Sgt. Robert Brennan

Liberated May 11 from a Nazi prison camp by Allied Armies, Technical Sgt. Robert F. Brennan of Eureka, who had been reported missing when his heavy bomber was shot down over Germany, is reported in good health and to be anticipating a trip home soon, according to word received by his father, Frank Brennan.

Sgt. Brennan has been in the Army Air Force since 1942 and overseas since January, 1944. He was outstanding as an athlete at the Eureka High school and Santa Rosa Junior college. His mother, Mrs. Audrae Falk Brennan, lives in the bay area.

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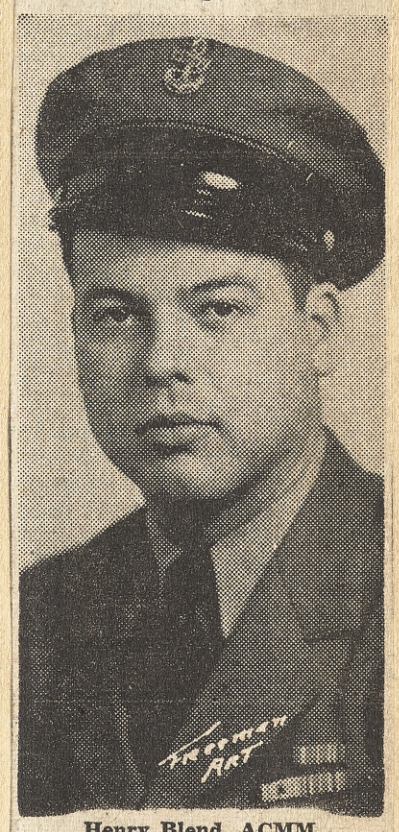
Visiting Home



Henry Blend, ACMM

Henry J. Blend, aviation chief machinists mate, is spending a leave here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blend, 1131 Hoover street.

Chief Blend is a seasoned veteran of Uncle Sam's great fleet, having entered the Navy in March 1937.

He saw action when Allied landings were in progress during the initial invasion of the African coast. He later took part in landings in the European theater. He has mostly served on aircraft carriers.

A graduate of the Eureka High school, Blend now has served eight years in the Navy.

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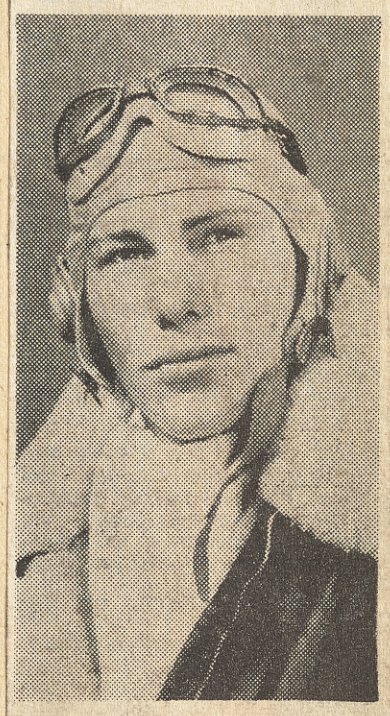
WINS WINGS



Ensign Charles Blackford

An Eureka youth who formerly attended Humboldt State college, William Charles Blackford was recently commissioned ensign at the Naval Air Training base at Corpus Christie, Texas.

The Naval Reserve ensign's parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Blackford of 2550 F street.

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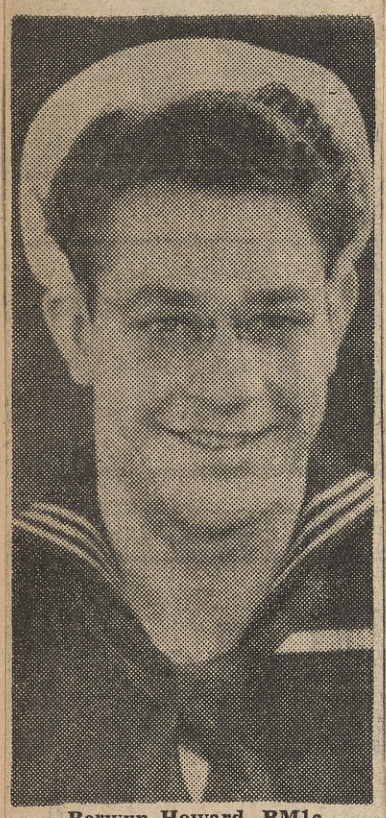
Returns Home



Berwyn Howard, BM1c

Mothers Day for Mrs. Hazel Howard of 2430 Myrtle Avenue was a day of thankfulness and rejoicing for on that day her son, Berwyn Howard, boatswains mate 1c who had been reported missing since January 12 during the Luzon invasion, arrived home.

Boatswains mate Howard has been in the Navy four years, spending three of them overseas with a PT squadron. He has been in four major battles and has received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medals. For the last four months he had been hospitalized at Guam.

Mrs. Howard had not heard of her son since he was reported missing until the commanding officer called her last Wednesday at the General Hospital where she is employed, to report the arrival of the hospital ship in San Francisco which brought her son home.

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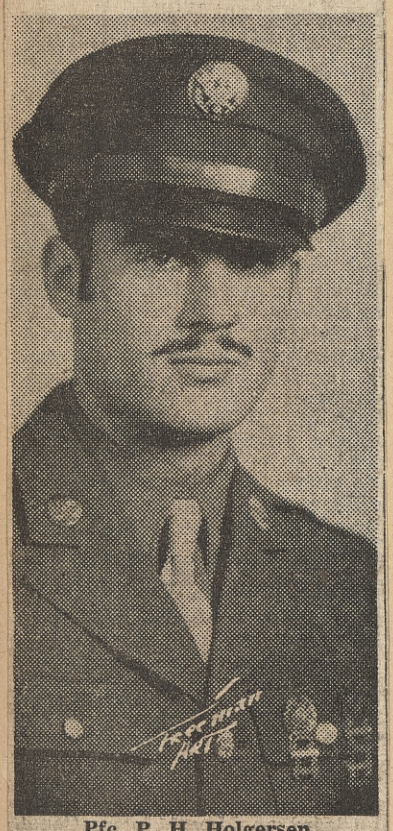
Wounded In Action

South Pacific Area



Pfc. P. H. Holgersen

ARCATA, May 16.-Pfc. Peter H. Holgersen, with the 147th Infantry Regiment serving in the South Pacific, has been wounded in action in the South Pacific, according to word received by his wife, Evelyn, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marius Holgersen of Arcata. He incurred a knee injury and is receiving hospital treatment.

Holgersen entered the Army in May, 1944, trained at Camp Roberts and went overseas last November. In civilian life he was employed by the Hammond Lumber company and at Mare Island.

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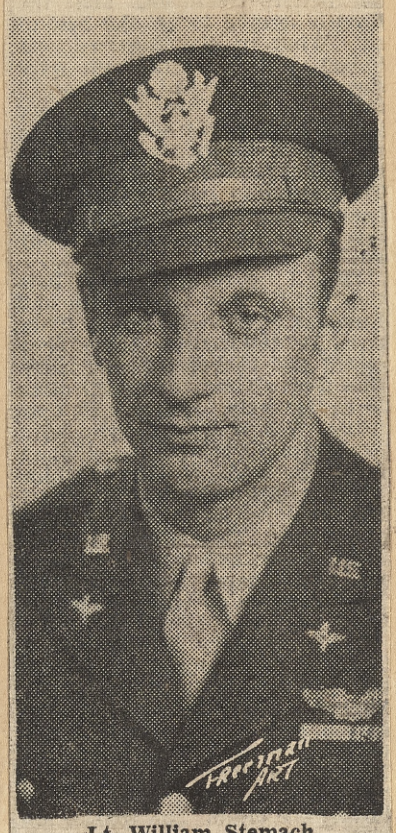
Liberated

Home Soon



Lt. William Stemach

Lt. William Stemach of Eureka, a B-17 pilot who was wounded and captured by the Nazis last November 2, has been liberated by the Allied Armies, according to word from him received by his mother, Mrs. Philip Blazina of 129 Third street.

The officer, who served with the 8th Air Force, wrote from Paris, France, on May 4, saying he expected soon to be home. He had been liberated April 29.

His sisters are Miss Millie Stemach of Eureka and Miss Olga Stemach, a recent graduate from the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland.

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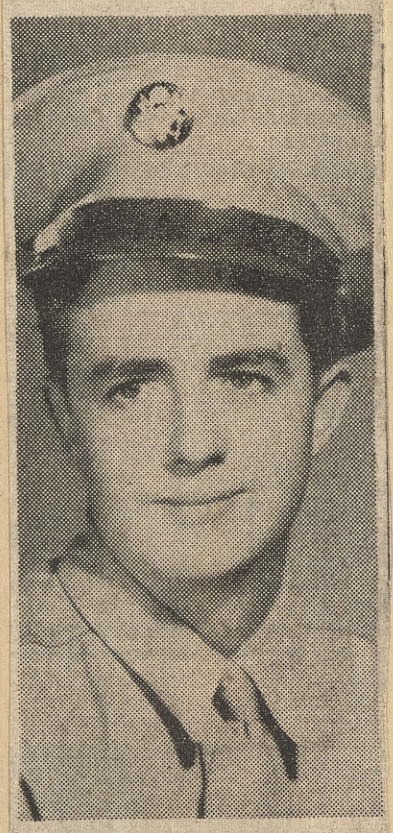
Dies Fighting Japs

On Okinawa



PVT. ROBERT WELCH

TRINIDAD, May 17.-Pvt. Robert Welch has been killed in action on Okinawa, according to word received recently by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Welch of Trinidad. He had also participated in the Leyte campaign.

Pvt. Welch entered the service in 1943 and was at Camp Swift, Texas, before going to Chicago for an engineering course and then overseas. He is an Arcata High school graduate.

The soldier was a brother of Donald, Jerry and Nancy Welch of Trinidad.

Thurs May 17-1945

Huge Carrier Returns Home Under Own Power After Disastrous Blows

By JOSEPH L. MYLER
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, May 18. -(U.P.)- Big Ben has come back from the most terrible U. S. ship disaster in this war and will fight again - - on borrowed time.

Behind her in the bloody Pacific, where for 15 hours she was a flaming funeral pyre for heroes, she left more than 1,000 casualties as the price of her survival. It was the heaviest price thus far paid by an American fighting ship in World War II. It was twice the cost of the entire battle of the Coral Sea.

Big Ben is the USS Franklin, 27,000-ton Essex class carrier. An hour after dawn on March 9, as she stood 60 miles off Japan, she was proud and trim a warship as ever rode the waves. She was a carrier division flagship poised to strike with other units of Vice Adm. Marc Mitscher's task force 58 at remnants of the Japanese fleet in the Inland Sea.

A few minutes later, because one Japanese dive-bomber got through, she was a volcanic chaos of bursting bombs, flaming gasoline, and exploding rockets and gun ammunition.

HUNDREDS OF HEROES

By nightfall she counted her heroes high in the hundreds, her dead at 341, her missing at 431, and her wounded at more than 300.

Big Ben's story can be told now because she came back. After steaming 12,000 miles under her own unquenchable power, Big Ben, unrecognizably seared and battered and mangled, is home at long last in a berth at the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Navy yard. There she will be made whole again.

The Japanese bomber, its approach undetected, caught the carried at the moment of greatest vulnerability when its planes were being launched, its gasoline lines were full and flowing, and its bomb rocket stores exposed.

From the time the enemy's two 500-pound armor-piercing bombs found their marks until the agony was over, Big Ben took enough punishment to kill a hundred ships, enough to wreck a city.

In the hours of her ordeal, 200-000 pounds of the carrier's own bombs, rockets and ammunition blew up, and an estimated 12,000 gallons of high octane aviation gasoline either burned in cascades or flame or exploded in volcanic eruptions.

Of the ship's complement of more than 2,500 sailors and men of air group 13, many scores died in a flash. Other hundreds were blown into the sea, where many drowned. Fire, fumes and smoke trapped and killed still others below decks.

Heroic rescue work, brilliant seamanship, and incredibly efficient damage control operations saved many hundreds. The exact number of survivors remains undisclosed because the Navy does not want the enemy to know just how many men the Franklin carried.

706 SURVIVED

But at least 706 of the crew survived to sail the carrier from the scene of disaster, and other hundreds of sailors and airmen were removed and kept in the Pacific.

The Japanese reported Big Ben sunk, and the Navy admits that "she should by all accounts have gone to the bottom."

But Big Ben refused to die. For seven hours packed with deeds of heroism unrivaled in this war she lay dead in the water. For nine hours she had no communications, no electricity, no drinkable water. For 15 hours fires burned - - in niagaras of flaming gasoline at first; in smouldering, fume-generating pockets at the last.

Before Big Ben came to life again and shook off the tow lines of friendly ships, she had drifted within 38 miles of the Japanese home island of Shikoku. At one time, a time of horror for men trapped below decks, she listed 20 degrees and seemed to be on the verge of capsizing.

But Big Ben refused to die - - because her skipper, 47-year-old Capt. Leslie E. Gehres of Coronado, Calif., said "I won't abandon this ship;" because her crew would not be cowed by death; because her officers and men, those that lived, did all the right things at the right times.

HAD GREAT RECORD

Before the March battle, Big Ben had destroyed 199 enemy planes, 148,500 tons of enemy warships, 275,000 tons of merchant vessels, and for extra measure three Japanese destroyers and four cargo craft.

O nthe morning of March 19, Big Ben was a carried division flagship, flying the flag of Rear Adm. Gerald Bogan.

In strikes the day before, Big Ben's planes had shot down 17 Japanese aircraft, destroyed seven on the ground, and damaged 12 others. She had lost four planes and three pilots.

Now Big Ben was launching her war planes again. Eight Corsair fighters an deight or nine Helldivers had roared into the air. then, precisely at 7:08 a. m., the Japanese dive-bomber streaked out of the clouds.

Alvin S. McCoy of the Kansas City Star, the only war correspondent aboard, witnessed and described what happened next. His exclusive stories were made available to the combined American press. The enemy launched his bombs, McCoy said, "at the precise moment when they would cause the most destruction."

"It never has happened before and probably never will happen again," McCoy reported.

Cmdr. E. B. Parker, air group commander aboard the Franklin, was aloft at the time, spotted the Jap, and shot him down. But the damage was done. Gasoline, bombs an dammunition began to explode.

BLOWN OFF DECK

"Men were blown off the flight deck into the sea, burned to a crisp in a searing white-hot flash of flame that swept the hangar deck, or trapped in compartments below and suffocated by smoke," McCoy wrote. 'Scores drowned in the sea. Other scores were torn by jagged chunks of shrapnel."

The crew was not at battle stations at the time. Many men were at breakfast. Others, dog-tired, were in their bunks. A long line of enlisted men was moving slowly through a hatch to the mess hall below.

"Presumably all were killed instantly when the white-hot flash swept the deck," McCoy said. "Their bodies remained in the area for hours, many with their clothing burned off and even dog tags melted."

Planes massed on the after deck burned an dexploded. Rockets were set off and whizzed waist high along the deck or soared over the ship's island.

"The initial blast," McCoy said, "set fire to gasoline and some 22 or more planes on the hangar deck below, each gassed and armed with bombs and rockets.

"Instantly the hangar deck became a raging inferno, snuffing out the lives of virtually every man at work on the planes. Bombs and rockets exploded with shattering blasts."

The fire and explosions continued. At 11 a. m., four hours after the attack, a gigantic explosion in the stern rocked the whole ship.

Warding off two other passes by single Japanese planes, the carrier finally headed for home on March 22, at 23 knots under her own power.

SKIPPER INTERVIEWED

At Pearl Harbor, United Press war correspondent Richard W. Johnston visited the ship and interviewed her skipper, Capt. Gehres. According to Gehres, the No. 1 hero of the ordeal, "the bravest man I ever saw, was Lt. Cmdr. Joseph T. O'Callahan of Boston, Catholic chaplain aboard the carrier.

O'Callahan, a black-haired, blue eyed Jesuit scholar, had boarded the carrier only 17 days before her trial. He administered last rites to the dying, aided the wounded, and led fire-fighting parties repeatedly in the smoke.

Gehres, himself recommended by Adm. Davison for the Naavy Cross, has turned in recommendations in behalf of others for two medals of honor, a dozen Navy Crosses, 20 Silver Stars, 150 Bronze Stars, and for everyone else left aboard the ship by nightfall of the first day a letter of commendation.

Gehres and most of the other officers were knocked down by the first blast. There were times when it didn't seem possible the ship could live. At one of those times, an enlisted man below got word to the captain that he could transfer 13,000 gallons of oil and water to correct the list.

"I said "do it, for God's sake!" Gehres told Johnston. "He did it, for the list straightened out — otherwise we might have gone down. But I've never been able to find out who he was."

But the thing reporters wanted to know at Pearl Harbor was whether Gehres ever considered abandoning the ship.

"Well," he said, "I had an order that authorized me to 'prepare to abandon ship.' But I didn't pay any attention to that. Hell, we were still afloat."

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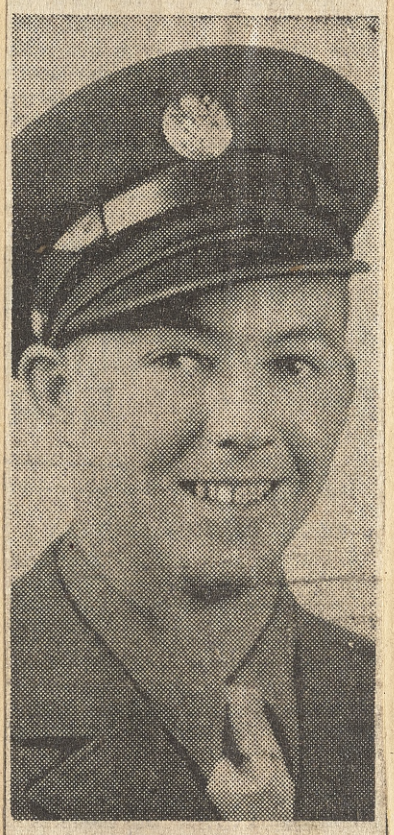
Safe In Germany

Among Liberated



Sgt. Bernard Harris

Liberated from a German prison camp by Allied armies, Sgt. Bernard Harris of Eureka, yesterday cabled his wife, Jean, a long distance operator for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company here, that he is safe.

A ball-turret gunner of a heavy bomber, Harris had made only two bombing missions over Germany when his plane was shot down. He was reported as missing in action February 24, 1944, and in April of last year Mrs. Harris was notified that he was a prisoner of war.

Sgt. Harris entered the Army Air Forces in January, 1943. He is a graduate of South Fork High school. His wife lives here with her mother, Mrs. Gladys Macdonald, at 1123 F street.

The sergeant is a brother of Sgt. Alfred (Bud) Harris now in Italy and their father and grandmother, Alfred Harris and Mrs. Jane Harris, live at Garberville.

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CB & I Employees Roll 'Lucky Seven'

Start Off 7th War Loan Campaign

Interest in war bond purchases runs so high among the employees at the Chicago Bridge and Iron company plant that they "roll the dice" to see who is going to get the privilege of buying the next bond, as can be seen from the above picture.

Mona Conner has just thrown a beautiful seven in the above picture, and Naomi Nelson is reaching out to pick up the cubes. They are the girls on the ends. Between them is Doris Klein. They all work in the payroll deduction department, and they are all bond saleswomen.

Standing back of the girls, left to right, are some of the heaviest purchasers: Giulo Del Dotto, Carter Bates, Frank Brazil, George Able, William Foreman, and John "Scotty" Reed. Two others who were on the scene but missed the picture are Emmett Lewis and Harry Wendt.

The CB&I quota for the local plant is $112,500 in the Seventh War Loan drive, and the pretty saleswomen say they "are sure they will make it." Several of the purchasers in the picture are carrying tin hats with "The Mighty Seventh" painted on them.

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EUREKA BROTHERS IN SERVICE

Harold Paxton

Melvin Paxton

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jori of Eureka have two sons in service, one in the Merchant Marine and one in the army overseas.

Harold Paxton of San Francisco, a former Eurekan, serves with the Merchant Marine on a transport ship. He attended school here and was employed at the Travelers hotel.

Staff Sgt. Melvin L. Paxton, in the army five years, is stationed in England with a supply division, 35th ADG. He has been overseas 3 years and had been employed in Eureka before enlisting.

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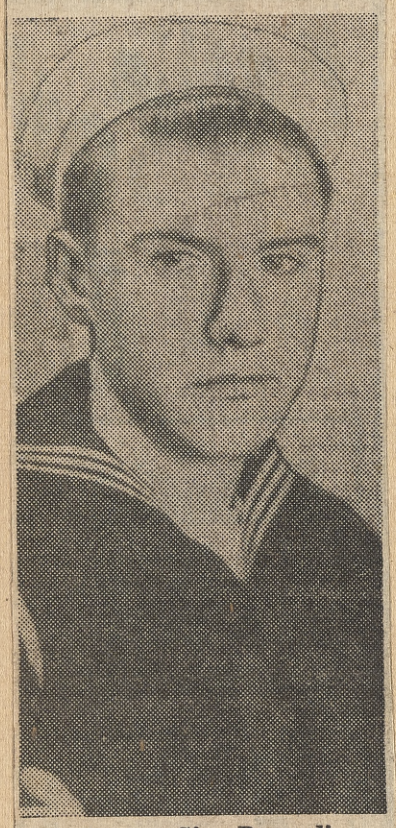
Wounded In Action

Back To Service



Seaman Gino Bernardi

ARCATA, May 18.-Gino Bernardi, seaman 1/c USNR, wounded in action in the South Pacific, has reported for reassignment at Yerba Buena Island after spending a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bernardi. He received treatment in a hospital on Saipan before being sent to San Francisco for additional medical care.

Bernardi has served 16 months in the Navy, has been overseas 12 months. He enlisted while a student at Arcata High school, which his sister, Annie Bernardi, attends.

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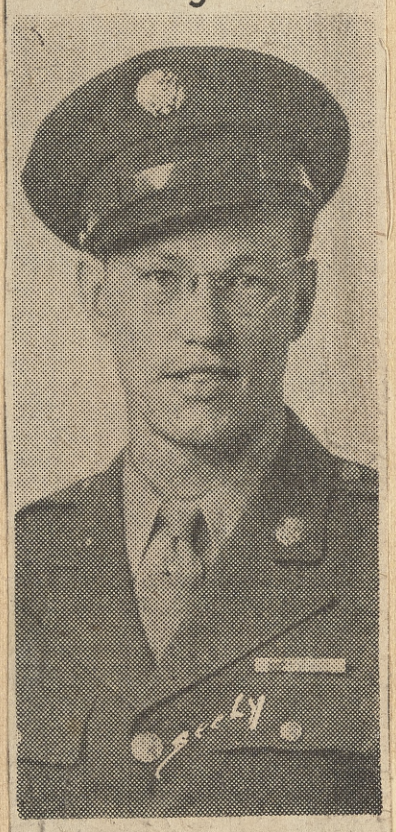
Visiting Home



Cpl. Leslie Larson

Before reporting at Camp Beale next Saturday, Cpl. T/5 Leslie R. Larson has been visiting here for a month with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Larson of 844 Henderson street. He and his mother are now visiting his sister at Tehachapi.

Larson was guest of honor at a recent dinner party given by his parents, guests being Mrs. Minnie Lundberg, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Larson.

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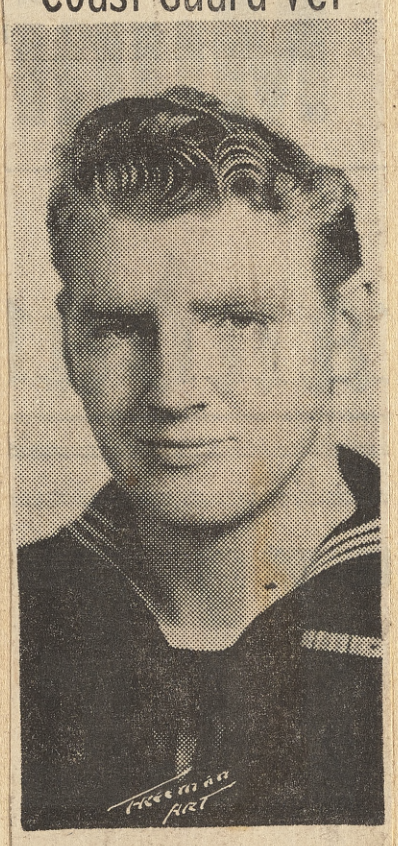
Coast Guard Vet



Coxswain Stanley Smith

Coxswain Stanley Smith of the Coast Guard, formerly of Samoa, is back from 30 months active duty in the Central and South Pacific, visiting here with his sisters, Mary Hogan and Mrs. L. W. Philips. His home is now in Oakland.

Smith participated in five major engagements and since joining the Coast Guardsman has been in Tarawa, Kwajelein, Saipan, Leyte, Luzon, Eniwetok and in the Aleutians.

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Home With Family

Pvt. George Miller

Having served a year overseas, Pvt. George H. Miller will be home soon to see his wife, Lorene, son, George, Jr., and his father, Joseph P. Miller, of 1730 East avenue.

Pvt. Miller has received a Presidential Citation, the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Ribbon and three Battle Stars.

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Returns To Base

Pfc. Willis Meyers

After a 21-day leave with relatives in Humboldt county, Pfc. Willis W. Myers, back from 27 months in the India-China-Burma area with the Army Air Forces, has left for Santa Ana for reassignment.

Pvt. Meyers has been on 260 combat missions to advanced bases in that area, taking supplies to Allied fighting men. He has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart Medal, Good Conduct and Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbons and air crew member badge.

The soldier visited his mother, Mrs. M. C. Nelson of Myers, his sister, Mrs. E. E. Jennings of Eureka, his brother, Sydney Meyers of Myers, and he has a brother, Pvt Andrew Fay Meyers, in the Army in the South Pacific.

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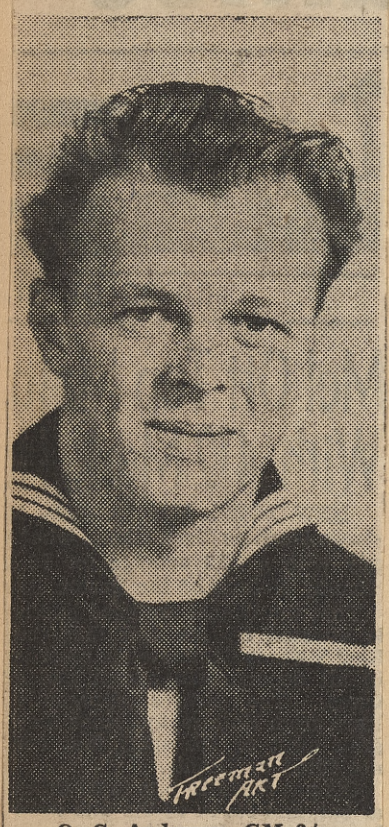
Visiting Home
Leaves Monday



O. C. Anderson, GM 2/c

Gunners mate 2/c Orville C. Anderson, home from four months sea duty in the Atlantic and 18 months in the Southwest Pacific, will leave Monday to be reassigned at San Francisco after a 30-day leave in Eureka.

Anderson has participated in almost every major campaign in the Pacific area since the Marshall Islands invasion. He was aboard a destroyer which had been hit by torpedoes but he came through all the engagements without being wounded.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Chris S. Anderson of Eureka and Kenneth Anderson of Ferndale.

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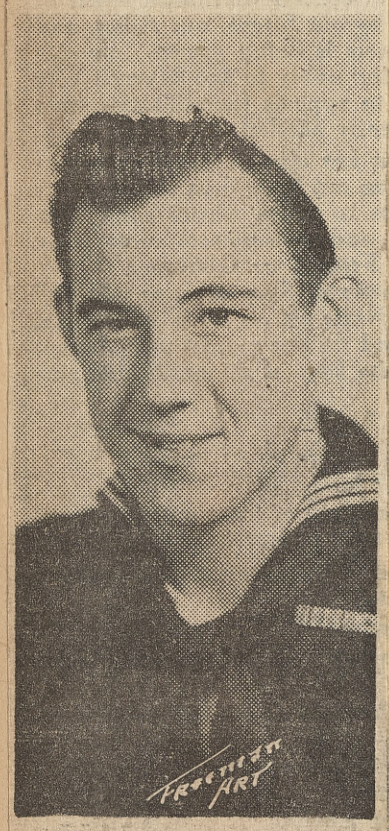
Iwo Jima Veteran



Fireman David Lancaster

On 21-day leave, Fireman 1c David Lancaster of the Navy is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Lancaster of 2831 I street.

Wounded on Iwo Jima, Lancaster has also participated in two other invasions and has received the Purple Heart Medal.

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

By LUCYLE STOWE

"God Bless You Mother on Mother's Day" read a telegram from somewhere in France sent to Mrs. J. E. Martzall, from her son, Pvt. Raymond Nash with the U. S. Army in France.

Nash will be remembered by many in Eureka for his untiring efforts in helping to establish Buhne softball park. He was employed by Arrow Mills before entering the service and is a member of the Christian church, of Eureka. His wife, Martha, is waiting for his return at Marshfield, Ore.

May 2, 1945 was V-Mail Day for many who received letters from Pvt. Nash. In part they read:

"Master Charles Martzall:

"Dear Brother Charles:

"Hope you had a good trip to Jetty Hills'. Let me know how the ball team is and if my old glove is still in action. Take good care of it and don't throw it around, oil the pocket once in awhile. Hope you make the team O.K.

"Your brother, Ray."

To Mr. and Mrs. John T. Maupin, 3303 California St., Eureka.

"Dear John and Dot:

"Saw lots of German big guns. They were sure dug in and seems as if the boys had to fight for every foot they gained. There is hardly a building that doesn't have some kind of shell hole in it.

"Glad you had a nice birthday. No I wouldn't say the purse was too nice for you. Nothing is too nice for my sister. Your brother, Ray."

To Sharon and Butch Maupin, Nash wrote, also May 2, 1945.

"Just finished coffee and doughnuts put out by the Red Cross, sure were good. The French people here get only six ounces of meat a week. They are making gardens and working hard to grow their food. There are some French civilians working around the mess kitchen. They don't seem to be very friendly toward us, but my French isn't very good anyhow. Bye now, write, your uncle, Ray."

To his mother, Nash wrote that large crowds of service men attended the church and song services and that he was reading with a great deal of pleasure the daily devotional book, 'Upper Room.'"

A recent V-Mail letter stated that he had to do his writing in the day time as there were no lighting facilities where he was located.

"May 7, 1945,
Somewhere in Belgium."

"Dear Mom and All:

"We are now in Belgium. We see many neat farms and the people will have food this winter from them. They are friendly and neatly dressed. Most all of them have all the Allied Nation's flags flying. Many trains are arriving with liberated people and are they happy!

"The children here are about the most beautiful I have ever seen. I have one little girl on my lap while writing, as pretty as a doll. The poor little kids look as if they hadn't had milk for years and it will take a long time to get back to normal again.

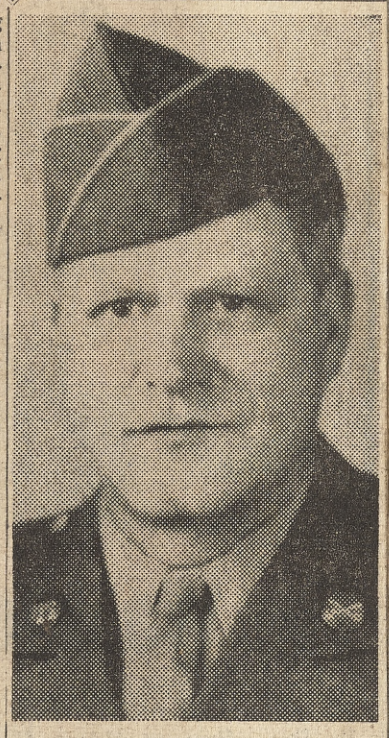
"I might be in the Army of Occupation but don't mind as there is lots to do over here and someone must do it."

BROTHER IN CHINA

S/Sgt. Cecil L. Nash, son of Mrs. J. E. Martzall and brother of Pvt. Raymond Nash, wrote from China where he has been engaged with the 23rd Fighter Control Squadron, in China. In brief he wrote:

"Dear Mom and all.

"Just one more month and I will be having a furlough coming up although I haven't seen any of my replacements yet. Some of the fellows in this squadron have from twenty-six to thirty months overseas. I have had two summers so don't know how I will come out yet. It will be heaven to see the good old shores of the U. S. once more and my family and friends. Counting by gardens, this will be the fourth garden since I've been home. It seems a heck of a long time."



PVT. RAYMOND NASH

CHURCH IN CHINA

Sgt. Cecil Nash wrote April 23, 1945, from China:

"I went to church yesterday. The first in quite awhile. I enjoyed it very much and I intend to go every chance I get from now on. I'm looking forward to seeing you folks sometime in August, hope I don't have to move the date back.

"Regards to all; your son and borther, Cecil."

GIER IN OKINAWA

Pfc. F. L. Gier, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gier of Eureka, wrote from the foxholes of Okinawa. The letter, dated April 10, 1945, follows:

"Dear Mom and All:

"I got your letter and card of March 14 and 19. It sure was nice to get them at this time because I was in dire need of your comforting letters.

"This is one Easter I will never forget, Mom. I know the Lord has been good to us and has heard our petitions. So we are eved thankful that we are Christians. On the way up here we had continual prayer meetings, especially remembering the men that were taking partin this campaign, asking God to spare as many lives as possible. Mom, on the day we landed there were very very few killed. I think that was a direct answer to our prayers. I believe there is power in prayer. I know that the Spirit was sure with us during our prayer meetings. Here we don't have that opportunity of getting together but we still have our faith. We had a little church service Sunday afternoon. There were only a few of us gathered together and we had to read and pray between the firing of the cannon. Christ said: "Wherever two or three are gathered together in my Name, there will I be in the midst of them.' That is a wonderful promise. He also said "All things are possible to him that believeth.' We have to place our faith in Him because 'Jesus never fails.'

"I am glad, Mom, that you write such inspiring letters. It sure helps a lot to know that you are being cared for by my Savior too."

"I was so happy to receive the paper. There are so many new names that I don't know many of them. Seems strange to know that the kids you went to school with now have children of their own going to school.

"I'll be glad when this war is over so that more of us yunger generation can be happily united. That is a dream that just seems to continue floating away just beyond reach. Someday, God willing, we'll put an extra effort in the attempt and grasp the opportunity by the throat and strangle it down to our own size.

"Bye now and God bless you; love, Bud."

OKINAWA, 375 MILES TO NIP'S

Captain J. R. Miller, Field Artillery, son of R. A. Hubler of Porterville, former school friend of Dr. Walter, Eureka, and frequent Humboldt visitor, wrote an interesting account of life on Okinawa, just 375 miles from the Nip homeland. Excerpts from Captain Hubler's letter reads:

"Okinawa is a strange place, weird looking trees and hills. We are in the farming section north of the main city of Naha. The farms are tiny little affairs and are divided into little plots of sweet potatoes, rice and sugar cane, each plot about 20 feet square and all cultivation done by hand—even rick picking, which grows like wheat and is picked one head at a time. A well-to-do family has a house about the size of a one-car garage, walled and partitioned with thin, sliding wooden panels, and a tile roof. House generally divided into three rooms, separated by these sliding panels—the kitchen and pig-sty are in a lean-to attached to the house and the whole thing incredibly filthy.

"The middle class and working people live in thatched huts. Each landed family has a tomb on their farm. Some very elaborate affairs, all with a stone wall enclosed courtyard in front. The bodies are placed in a sitting position on a ledge, and left for three years, then the bones are washed in alcohol and put into an urn about the size and shape of a five-gallon pottery water jar. The urns are neatly aligned on the ledge with the fancy, elaborate ones for the men on the top shelf. The area I am camped in is not yet secure so I'm camped behind the wall in the courtyard of a tomb. Sixteen urns in my tomb.

"We have been sniped at, strafed by low flying planes, machine gunned and shelled and bombed. The air raids are the worst and we have them every night. We are only 375 miles from Japan and although our fighter planes get most of the raiders, some always get through to give us trouble. When you're being gunned by a Jap plane, or bombed, you get into your fox hole by the quickest method, which is generally a head-first dive.

"Our supply system is certainly doing a fine job here. We have everything we need, even cigarettes, candy bars, and chewing gum. We ate cold field rations for a few days and then a mess was dug in and we have hot meals more or less regularly. We also have plenty of the most important ammunition and believe me it takes ship loads of it.

"The weather here isn't at all bad. Hot in the sun and pretty cold at night, quite a lot of rain, although our rainy season doesn't start for another month or two.

"The whole area is littered with wrecked and burned vehicles, crashed planes, Jap supplies (of amazingly good quality, though nothing to compare with our equipment) and all the stuff that a retraating army leaves behind. fenced-in plots with rows of white crosses that mark where our men and Marines are buried.

"Lots of poisonous snakes here: habu, himephabu, and maushi are the worst—the natives just give up and die when bitten. We already have anti-benom, and as far as I know aren't losing many men from snake-bite. Typhus, cholera, plague and malaria are very common and take a huge toll of natives. We are immunized for all except malaria, and we take large quantities of Atabrine for that."

ADDRESS SPECIAL DELIVERY

Letters or parts of letters for publication in the Sunday Times are welcomed. Address, Special Delivery, Humboldt Times, Eureka, California.

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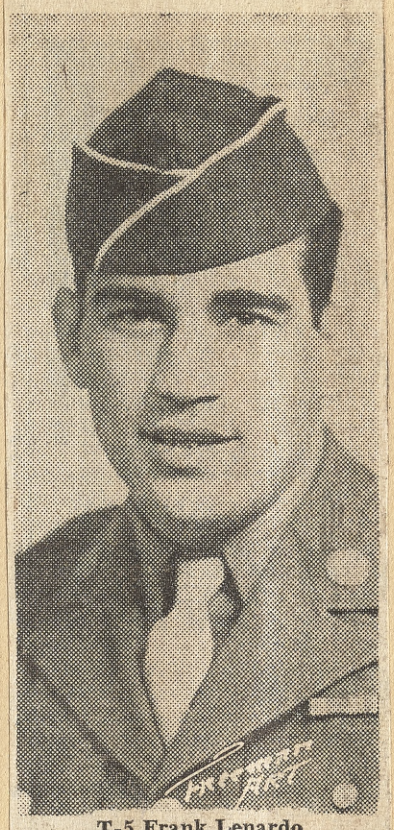

T-5 Frank Lenardo

FERNDALE, May 21.-In service more than two years, stationed most of the time in the West Indies, T-5 Frank Lenardo is home to visit his family and will leave Tuesday to return to the islands.

Lenardo entered the Army in August, 1942, trained at Camp Crowder, Missouri, as a signalman.

The soldier's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Lenardo of Ferndale and he is a brother of Georgia Cardoza of Metropolitan, John Lenardo, Jr., Mary Machado and Joseph Lenardo of Ferndale. Several parties have been given for him while he is home on furlough.

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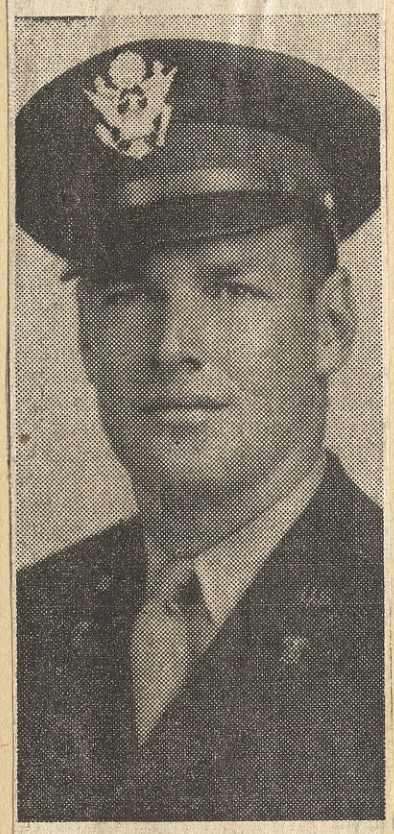
Returns Home
From Overseas



Capt. Jack Durnford

Capt. Jack K. Durnford, back from overseas service with the 15th Army Air Forces headquarters in Italy and two months in an Army hospital in Miami, Florida, is home on leave for two weeks to visit his mother, Mrs. Gilbert S. Trood of 2105 F street,, and his father, J. N. Durnford of Pine Hill.

Capt. Durnford enlisted four years ago and has been overseas more than a year. He came across the Atlantic by plane via Africa, the Azores and Bermuda. At the end of his leave he will go to Santa Monica for reassignment and expects to be in the United States for several months.

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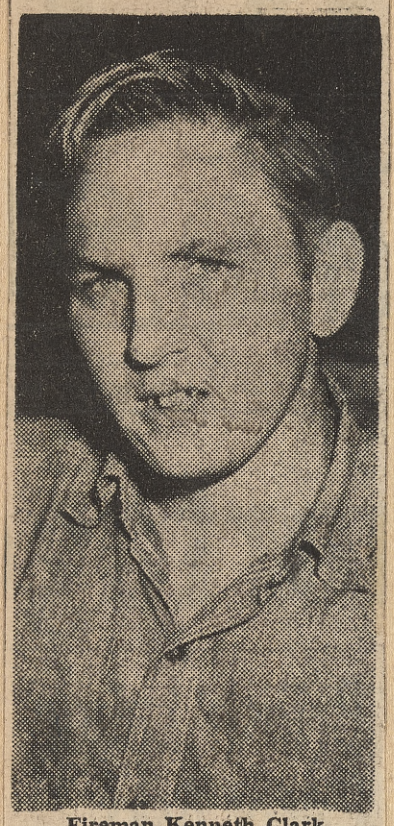
Saw Action

In Philippines



Fireman Kenneth Clark

Two enemy craft, one a PT type, were sunk by American 7th Fleet PT boats in a daring daylight sweep into the harbor of Isabella Town on Basilan Island near Zamboanga, Mindanao in tht Philippines on March 10—Invasion Day.

Aboard one of the PTs, Kenneth Darrell Clark, 18, fireman, first class, son of Mrs. Charles M. Clark, Apt. 43-H, Marine View Terrace, Eureka, California, manned a machine gun.

The PTs approached first from the northern end of the narrow channel leading to the Jap stronghold. At a mile range machine guns from Jap pillboxes took them under fire. Returning the enemy shelling, the PT boats withdrew and came around to the southern approach.

With planes giving close coverage, Clark's PT this time approached to within 300 yards of the town.

It was then that the enemy craft were sighted. Opening with all guns, the PTs blew them to splinters with direct hits. Three machine gun positions were discovered commanding the northern entrance, and directed by the PT commander, bombers dropped seven tons of bombs on the installations.

As the PTs and planes departed the town was in flames and useless for future enemy operations.

Clark has been in the southwest Pacific nine months. He has participated in five combat patrols in the Philippines. He enlisted in the Naval Reserve in May, 1944, and received recruit training at Farragut, Idaho. Before that he attended Mark Keppel high school, Monterey Park, California.

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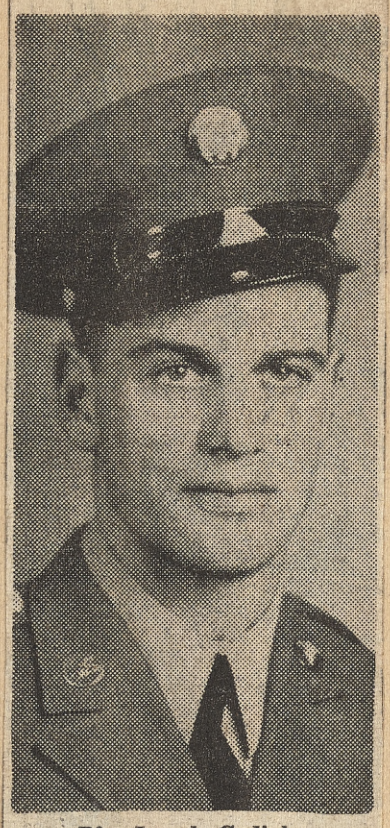
Visiting Parents



Pfc. Joseph Godinho

FERNDALE, May 23.-On 30-day furlough after 34 months in the army, of which 27 months were spent overseas, Pfc. Joseph M. Godinho is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Godinho.

Pvt. Godinho trained at Camp Barkeley and Camp Bowie, Texas and Camp Kilmer in New Jersey. He spent 17 months in Persia and 10 months in India.

The soldier is a graduate of the Assumption school and Ferndale High school, was interested in 4-H club and Future Farmers of America projects and had been employed by the Challenge Creamery Association before entering the army.

Godinho is a brother of Francis, Emily and Ida Godinho of Ferndale.

Wed May 23-1945

Returns To Camp

Philip Simon, PO 2/c

Philip Simon, petty officer second class, who has been home to visit his mother, Mrs. Eva M. Simon of 414 West Harris street, for several weeks has left for San Pedro to be reassigned.

Simon came here from the Philippines and has spent 18 months in the Pacific aboard a carrier, participating in several invasions and was aboard ship when they were caught in a typhoon last fall.

Before leaving his ship he was transferred to other naval duties and received a recommendation for promotion. While on leave here he was entertained by many friends in Eureka and Pepperwood.

Wed May 23-1945

Lost Flyer

Safe In Germany

Lt. Leonard O. Clarke

Pilot of a B-24 that was downed over Germany, Lt. Leonard O. Clarke of Eureka, missing since last July 21, has been liberated from a German prison camp, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Clarke of 1485 Myrtle Avenue.

Lt. Clarke was squadron leader on that day in July of last year when 30 of a 3,300 plane raid over Germany failed to return.

The officers enlisted as an artilleryman before Pearl Harbor, transferred to the Army Air Forces, was commissioned in July, 1943, at Pampa, Texas. A graduate of Eureka High school he formerly was employed by the Northwestern Pacific.

Lt. Clarke is a brother of Pfc. Rodney Clarke, AAF, at Ghilders, Texas, Mrs. Haakon Horntvedt, Mrs. Leroy Patterson, Mrs. Ray Swanson, Patricia and Jack Clarke of Eureka, Charles Clarke of McKinleyville.

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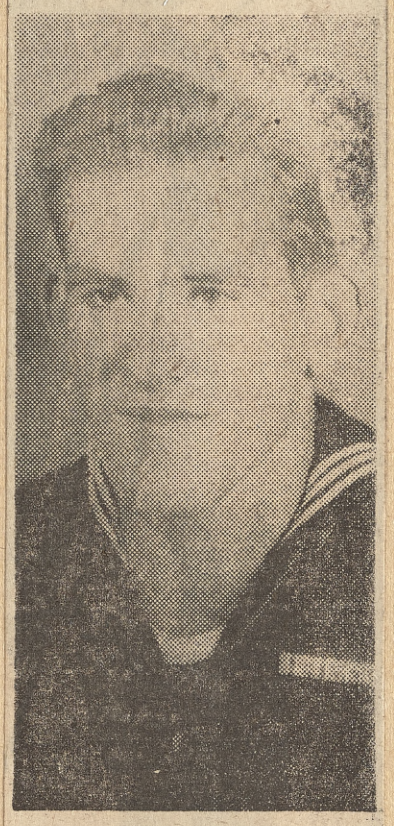
Home On Leave



Curtis Shurter, GM 3/C

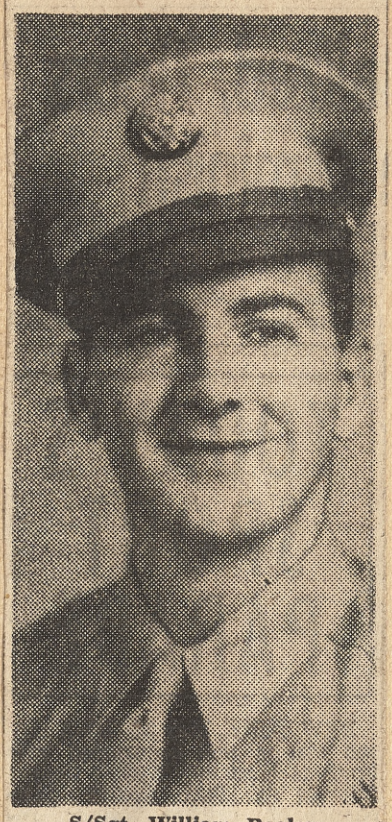
BEATRICE, May 25. - Gunners mate 3/C Curtis Shurter is home on 30-day leave from sea duty to visit his mother, Mrs. Henry Clews, who lives near Beatrice, and with other relatives.

Shurter enlisted three years ago and spent his first year and a half at sea in Alaska waters. His last trips have been to Australia, Calcutta, New Guinea, Ceylon, Panama and Persia. He will leave for duty again next week.

Fri May 25-1945

Liberated

From Nazi Prison



S/Sgt. William Bagley

Liberated from a Nazi prison camp May 2, after being a prisoner for 13 months and forced to endure great hardships, Staff Sgt. William C. Bagley of Eureka is in good condition now and expects to be home soon.

Sgt. Bagley wrote to his wife and parents here that he had been forced to march clear across Austria after his capture in April, 1944, by the Nazis, who provided little food for the captured Americans.

The soldier, an Army Air Force gunner on a B-17, has been in the service more than two years, overseas since March, 1944, and missing since April 6 of last year.

His wife, Elaine, lives here at 203 Wabash street and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bagley, at 1517 D street. Sgt. Bagley is a brother of Robert Bagley, who recently joined the Merchant Marine, Patricia Bagley and Evelyn Mansfield of Eureka.

Fri May 25-1945

Liberated

Home Soon

Lt. Joseph Nellist

A prisoner of the Germans since January 4, First Lt. Joseph J. Nellist, Airborne Infantry, has been liberated, is well and will be home soon.

Word has been received simultaneously through the local Red Cross chapter and by V-mail letters from Lt. Nellist to his wife, Janet, of 2203 S street in Eureka and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Nellist of Freshwater.

In the Army four years, Lt. Nellist left here with the California National Guard, served a year in Panama and a year in England, has won many medals of honor during his years in the service.

The liberation news about their son came as a happy home-coming for Mr. and Mrs. Nellist who returned yesterday from San Francisco where the officer's father had been receiving hospital treatment for 10 weeks.

Lt. Nellist is a brother of Staff Sgt. William Nellist, who has returned from duty in England and is now in Texas for additional training while instructing there, and of Mrs. Wendell Compton and Mrs. Wesley Nelson of Eureka.

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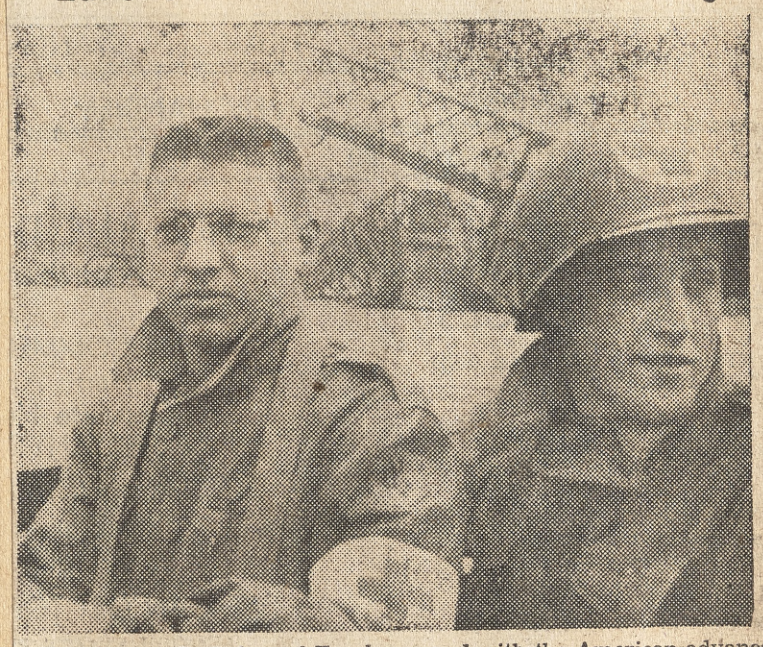
Eurekan At Historic Rhine Crossing



Pfc. George P. Baker of Eureka is shown in the accompanying picture with another soldier as they left the German city of Ludwigshaven for Mannheim in the historic Rhine river crossing by American troops before the Nazis collapsed.

The Eureka soldier, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. George A. Baker of 1236 Sixth street, is with a medical battalion, Seventh Army, commanded by General Patch.

Baker, in the Army for more than two years, landed in the south of France last October, and moved with the American advance northward, entering Germany in the Strassbourg area. He also went through Heidelberg and Munich. The medical corpsman encountered a brush with death when a time-bomb blew up in a building he had left shortly before, wounding many of his company.

Pfc. Baker graduated from the Eureka High school and was attending Humboldt State college at the time of entering the army. He is a brother of Richard and Bonnie Baker, students at the Eureka High school, and of Pauline Baker, pupil at the Franklin school.

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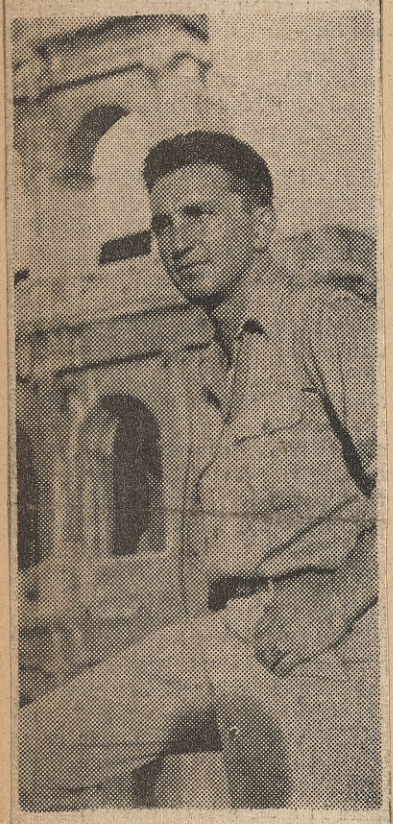
Arcatan Writes Of Horrors In Nazi Camp



Pfc. Allen Masterson

ARCATA, May 25.-Some of the highlights of the German surrender and the horrors of a German concentration camp have been vividly described in a letter from Pfc. Allen Masterson of the Army to his aunt, Mrs. Eunice Dougherty of Arcata.

Excerpts from Pvt. Masterson's letter follows:

"The Armistice has been signed today (May 7) and it is my 21st birthday. I have seen the Nazi army when it surrendered and it was really a sight.

All the fellows in the outfit are getting good souvenirs and they are riding around in German cars and motorcycles, but you wouldn't think the war was over if you were here. It is just another day and the only thing that is in our minds is whether we will go to the Pacific from here or go home first. The chances are pretty slim that we will see home for quite some time even if we don't go to the Pacific from here."

"I went to another concentration camp yesterday and it was the worst sight I have ever seen. This was not a work camp, but just one for people who were not fit to work and they were brought here to die of starvation and by whatever method the Nazis wanted. I saw those people stacked up like a wood pile, all of them dead, with no clothes on---just a stack of bones. I never believed that I would see the dead walk, but the ones that were alive are the living dead.

"Last week we met the Russians for the first time, they are really a rugged race, and the Germans are scared to death of them, as they kill the Germans as you would kill a mad dog."

Pvt. Masterson, a paratroopist in the 82nd Division of the Airborne Training Center, has been in Germany since August, 1943. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Masterson of Samoa. He had made his home with Mrs. Dougherty in Arcata since he was a year old and is a graduate of the Arcata High school. His brothers are Corporal Gale Masterson, in the Army Medical corps, stationed in Germany, who has been wounded several times, and Francis Masterson, seaman 1/c in the Navy, now stationed on the Hebredes Islands.

Fri May 25-1945

Visiting Parents

Seaman H. I. Daniels

In the U. S. Navy for 11 months before Pearl Harbor and a veteran of the Atlantic and Pacific areas, Seaman I/c Harold I. Daniels is home on 21-day leave to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irving C. Daniels of 1131 Hayes street. The seaman wears nine battle stars.

Daniels was aboard ship in a convoy which escorted the first Marines to Iceland and another that made a historical trip to Murmansk, Russia. In the Pacific his ship was in the convoy taking troops to Kiska and he has participated in many actions, including the Philippine invasion and was an eye witness to the attack on the USS Franklin.

Fri May 25-1945

Returns To Camp

Alfred Gupton, SK 1/C

SAMOA, May 25.-After a 30-day leave spent in Humboldt and Oregon, Storekeeper 1/c Alfred M. Gupton has gone to Camp Shoemaker for reassignment. He has been in the Hawaiian islands for 29 months and recently has been recommended for chief petty officer.

The naval man visited his mother, Mrs. Annie Gupton, and brother Charles Gupton, in Samoa, his sister, Mrs. Orville Betts of Eureka.

Fri May 25-1945

Former Eurekan Dies On Luzon

Pvt. Manuel S. Simas

Private Manuel S. Simas, former Eurekan, died on April 10 on the island of Luzon from wounds suffered in action that day, according to War Department report received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel S. Simas, who now reside at Kingsburg.

Young Simas died just two days before his twenty-second birthday. He entered the army on July 24, 1944, and received his basic training at Camp Roberts, leaving for overseas service last January.

He was born at Elk River in Humboldt county, went to school at Beatrice and Eureka High, and moved to Fresno county with his parents four years ago. He and his father had been operating a dairy at Kingsburg.

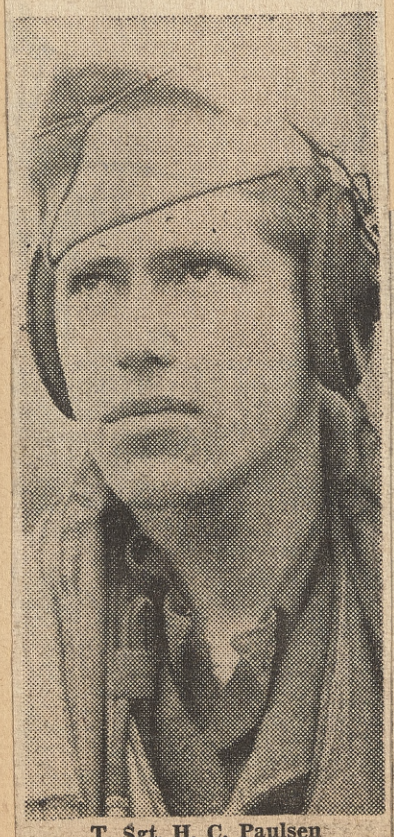
He was a member of the Portuguese lodge, IDES, of Eureka.

Besides his parents he is survived by a brother, Joseph and four sisters, Mrs. Eleanor Brower, Mary Lela, and Julia Simas, all of Kingsburg. He was the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dutra of Elk River, and of Mr. and Mrs. Joaquin Martin of Fortuna.

He has several cousins in Humboldt county, and many relatives in the southern part of California and in Portugal.

Sat May 26-1945

Wins Honors



T. Sgt. H. C. Paulsen

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England — With a distinguished combat career of more than 25 missions behind him, Technical Sergeant Harvey C. Paulsen, 20, of Crannell, California, radio operator and gunner on the Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress "Flying Circus," has been awarded the fourth Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" during heavy bombing attacks on Nazi military and industrial installations.

Pictured here in flying togs, the airman's parents are Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Paulsen of Crannell. Before joining the Army Air Forces in November, 1942, he was a tractor driver for the Hammond Lumber company. He received radio training at Sioux Falls, S. D., and was schooled in gunnery at Harlingen, Texas. He was awarded his wings in July, 1943.

Sgt. Paulsen is a member of the 94th Bomb. Group which was cited by the President.

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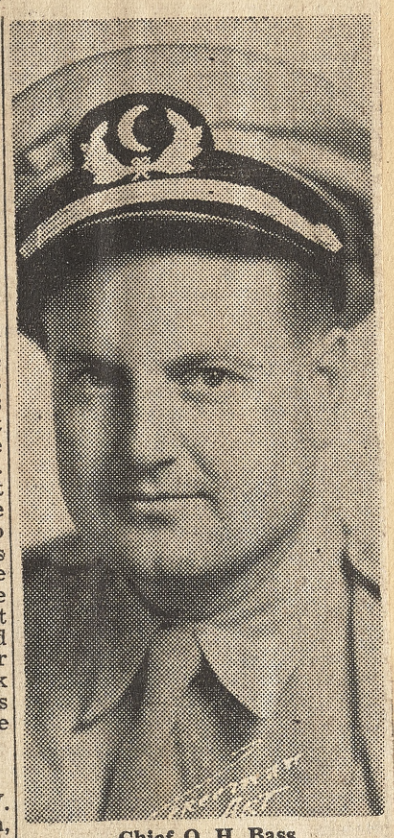
Chief Steward O. H. Bass Of Merchant Marine Visits Family In Eureka



Chief O. H. Bass

Having sailed some 130,000 miles since joining the Merchant Marine two years ago, Chief Steward O. H. Bass has returned to Eureka to visit relatives and will leave again June 11 from Portland, Oregon, on continued sea duty. He has been aboard a gasoline tanker carrying fuel for ships and planes.

On the last trip he sailed from the Caribbean through the Panama Canal to the Admiralty Islands, Wewak, Ellice Islands, Mindanao, Leyte, Okinawa and many other ports. Going through the straits to Leyte his ship was bombed from land emplacements on both sides but escaped without being hit. On most of his trips the ship was attached to the 7th Fleet.

Last winter the ship was caught in the path of a tornado but rode out the storm without damage. To the destroyer escorts Chief Bass pays high praise . . . "They are our real friends and we feel safe when they are around to protect us. One time we shivered and prayed while in Ulethe harbor when a two-man Jap sub sunk another tanker. All the ships bombed the area and we hope we got the sub."

"SWELL FELLOWS"

From the skipper, Capt. R. V. Longhurst of New York, on down, every one of his crew members were "swell fellows" Bass says. Last Christmas they all enjoyed a turkey dinner while they were anchored in Ulethe harbor . . . "we had everything you'd get at a Christmas dinner at home," Bass relates.

The mariner said he had boarded a floating drydock, the first one built in Eureka ,to see motion pictures and he also paid tribute to the fine work the drydocks are doing.

One of his most pleasant and exciting trips was the time Bass flew for several hours over Manila, Corregidor, Bataan, Leyte and other islands.

One of the crew on the gasoline tanker was Jack Sawyer of Scotia, an Armed Guard, who is also home to see his family.

Chief Bass is visiting here with his sons, Eugene, who attends Lincoln school, Ronald, 5, and Dennis Michael, 3, who live at home, and his uncle, Larry Bass, manager of the Safeway store at Fourth and E streets, and his family.

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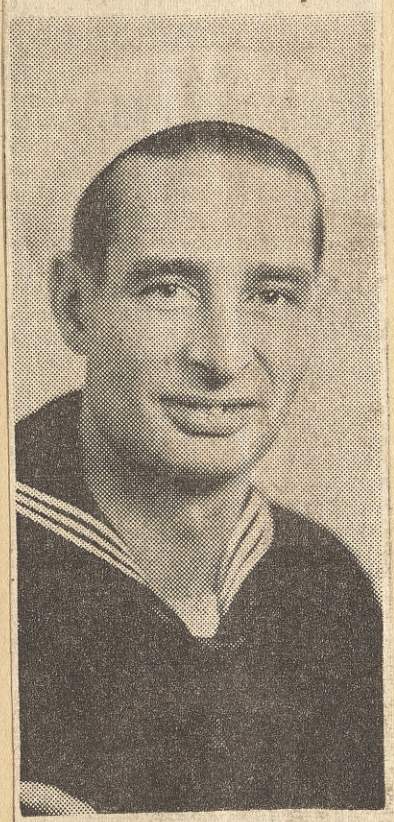
Returns To Ship



Seaman O. J. Carter

Seaman 1/c Oren J. Carter has gone to Portland, Oregon, to rejoin his ship after being home on leave to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Carter of 2523 N street. He was accompanied north by his niece, Erna Lobb of Pendleton, Oregon, who had been visiting her grandparents.

Carter has been at sea for two years, visiting many South Pacific islands and had just came back from Okinawa and the Philippines. He had been at sea 14 months on the last trip.

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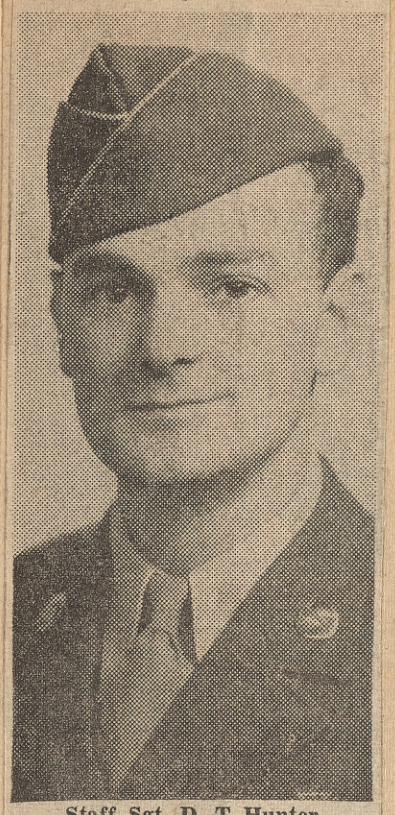
Gets Purple Heart



Staff Sgt. D. T Hunter

For wounds received April 23 in Germany, Staff Sgt. Donald T. Hunter has been awarded the Purple Heart Medal, according to word received by his wife, Lora, of 823 A street, and his mother, Mrs. Dean Briggs of Alderpoint.

Sgt. Hunter also has earned a Bronze Star Medal and Presidential Citation. After being stationed in England he participated in the D-Day invasion, fought through Normandy, France and into Germany. He has been overseas 14 months.

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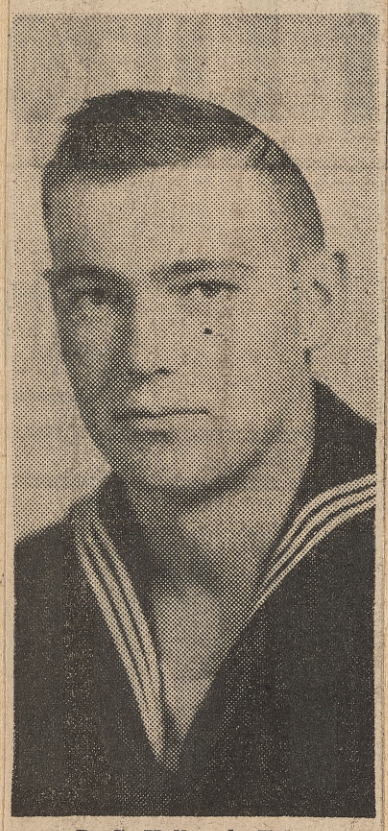
LEAVE ENDS



R. G. Holbrook, F lc.

FORT KENYON, May 29.-Ending a 30-day leave at home, Fireman lc Robert G. Holbrook has gone to San Francisco for reassignment after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Holbrook, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gillespie.

In the Navy a year and at sea since last November, Holbrook participated in four major South Pacific battles. He served aboard a destroyer.

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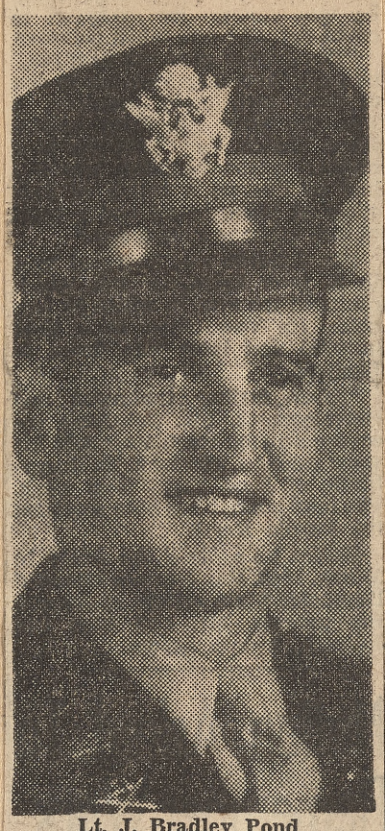
Bronze Star

For Scotian



Lt. J. Bradley Pond

First Lt. John Bradley Pond of Scotia has been awarded a Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Pozorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands on February 9 of this year.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul U. Pond of Scotia recently received the following letter from Major General Leonard F. Wing, commanding general at Headquarters, 43rd Infantry Division.

"By direction of the President I have had the privilege of awarding to your son a Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on February 9, 1945, in the Philippine Islands.

"I deem it an honor to serve in the same command with your son who typifies the finest in the American Army...a brave and gallant soldier. I join with you in the prayer for his safe return when this war is won."

The action against the enemy in which Lt. Pond, Field Artillery, participated is described as follows:

ACTION DESCRIBED

"The enemy on this day succeeded in registering accurate artillery fire on our battery position and it became necessary to move the battery to a more tenable position. During the shelling by three Jap 150-mm mowitzers, Lt. Pond distinguished himself beyond ordinary duty by organizing and executing the movement without loss of material and with only three minor casualties.

"Lt. Pond personally conducted the removal of each piece of equipment, accompanied each gun, truck and prime mover. He acted with astounding coolness which created enough calmness in his men to be responsible for no loss of equipment.

Twelve shells landed in the small perimeter, two dropping squarely in former gun positions, and the danger from three bursts was great. Lt. Pond also assisted in searching foxholes and varied installations for wounded. With total disregard for his own safety, and no protection to himself and his men during the entire displacement, Lt. Pond displayed an example of outstanding bravery, coolness and command."

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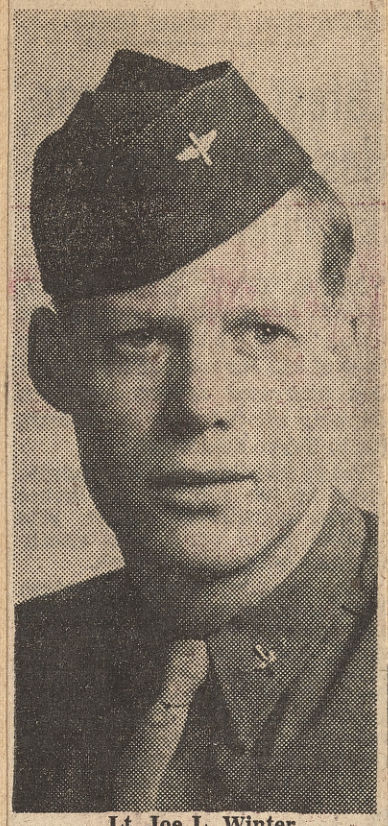
Wins Commission



Lt. Joe L. Winter

Second Lt. Joe L. Winter, 20, of Fields Landing has been commissioned and been awarded silver pilot wings at Enid Army Field, Oklahoma. The young officer has completed twin-engine advanced training at the advanced unit of the AAF Central Flying Training Command.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavender of Fields Landing.

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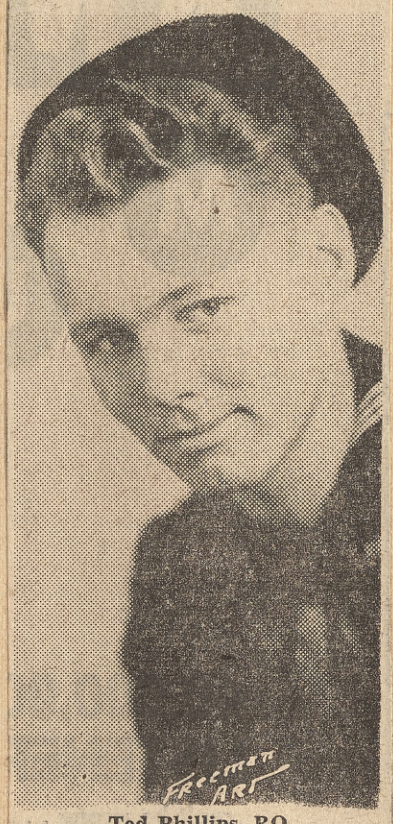
Back To Carrier



Ted Phillips, RO

After spending his leave here, Ted Phillips, a Navy radar operator, has returned to his carrier ship. He lived here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Baylor of 3116 K street.

Phillips, who entered the Navy in August of 1943, has served in six major engagements in the South Pacific area, having seen action in Guadalcanal, in the Australian waters, and recently in the Okinawa area. He served as turret gunner during most of his time in the Navy, but is now grounded due to injuries received when he crash landed on Saipan on July 4 of last year.

Phillips, who is a graduate of the Eureka high school, was active in the various music organizations here as a member of the glee club, a capella choir and orchestra. After entering the Navy, he played saxophone on the ship's orchestra and is still one of its members.

Wed Mar 30-1945

EUREKAN FLYS "THE WOLF"

Lt. John Bazan

A NINTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER-BOMBER BASE, GERMANY—"The Boy Who Cried Wolf," might be any of First Lieutenant John Bazan's fellow pilots or enlisted ground crew. Lt. Bazan is a P-47 Thunderbolt pilot with Ninth Air Force's "Raider" group commanded by Colonel Anthony V. Grossetta. M. G. M. Studios in California provided the insignia for his plane, and he is apparently well pleased. Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Bazan, 3503 H street, Eureka, California, Bazan has flown more than 85 combat missions against the enemy since coming to the European theater.

Wed May 30-1945

Trinidad Man Decorated For Heroism In Battle Against Japs On Okinawa

OUTSIDE NAHA, OKINAWA—(Delayed)—The bullet hole in Marine Gunnery Sergeant Henry Boyes' green fatigue cap tells a story of courage and devotion.

Boyes, 24, a former dairy-farmer and son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyes, of Trinidad, California, lay on a hilltop, exposed to Japanese machine gun fire, and threw smoke grenades to cover stretcher-bearers as they removed 12 Marines, wounded in the opening phase of the drive on this bitterly defended Okinawa city.

Sgt. Henry Boyes

Boyes, who won the Silver Star medal for his heroism on bloody Peleliu eight months ago, was with one of the companies which fought savagely for three days to capture "Knoll Hill," a bald, shell-pocked 100-foot knoll in the center of the Jap defenses before Naha.

On the second day of the advance, Boyes outfit had reached the hilltop, but there was caught in the deadly crossfire of enemy machine guns, firing from higher ground on the left flank of the Knob. One platoon lost its commanding officer, platoon sergeant, platoon guide and nine riflemen, all wounded by Jap bullets.

On orders from the company commander, Boyes organized the platoon's withdrawal. He then remained behind and, armed with smoke grenades, climbed to the top of the Knob and threw them so that stretcher bearers could come in under the smoke and take the wounded out.

Boyes held his exposed position even after he had felt the heat of the Jap bullet which went through his cap. Then a mortar shrapnel tore through the sleeve of his jacket and leg of his pants.

He stayed there tossing grenades until the last of his injured buddies were carried to safety and then dashed back to the company's lines.

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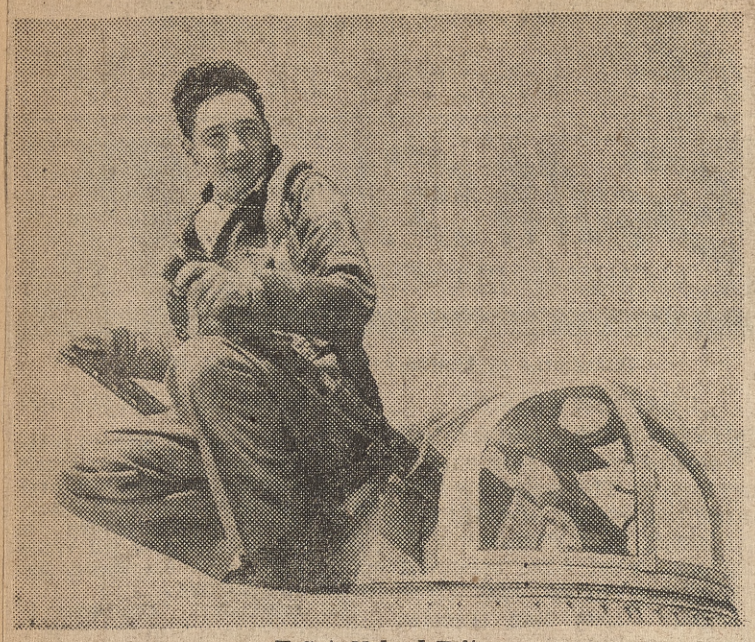
B-17 GUNNER HOME ON FURLOUGH



T-Sgt. Noland Fritz

Now home in Eureka on 21-day furlough after 31 months in service, of which eight were in combat duty, Technical Sgt. Nolan H. Fritz is pictured here between twin equalizers and ball turret of a B-17 on which he served with the 15th Army Air Forces in Italy. He is visiting his mother, Mrs. Olive L. Brazil of 1323 A street and his father, John H. Fritz of Oakland.

Sgt. Fritz was stationed at Foggia and was in battle action over Germany Austria, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and northern Italy, completing his missions April 18. He left Italy for the United States May 6.

The veteran flier has been cited for bravery and meritorious service in action, has earned the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, wears the ETO ribbon with two Bronze Stars. He will report later to Santa Ana for reassignment.

Staff Sgt. Ellwood E. Fritz, his brother, is in Italy with an armored infantry unit.

Thurs May 31-1945

ON LEAVE

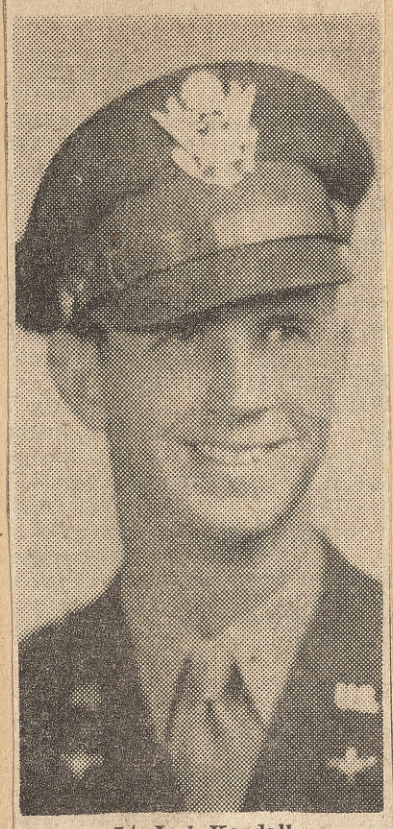
Robert Townsend, CM 1c

Home on leave after one and a half years service with the Seabees Robert Townsend, carpenters mate 1c, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Townsend of 1406 C street.

Townsend enlisted in October, 1943, after attending Eureka High school and being employed for a time by the Mercer-Fraser company. He is a brother of Staff Sgt. Larry Townsend with the 8th Air Forces in England, of Rosetta and Marian Townsend of Eureka.

Mon June 4-1945

Wins Flying Cross



Lt. Jack Kendall

For meritorious achievements in the Burma war theater, 1st Lt. Jack Kendall, formerly of Blue Lake, has won the Distinguished Flying Cross with an Oak Leaf Cluster. He also holds the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

Lt. Kendall attended Blue Lake school and Arcata High school. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Kendall.

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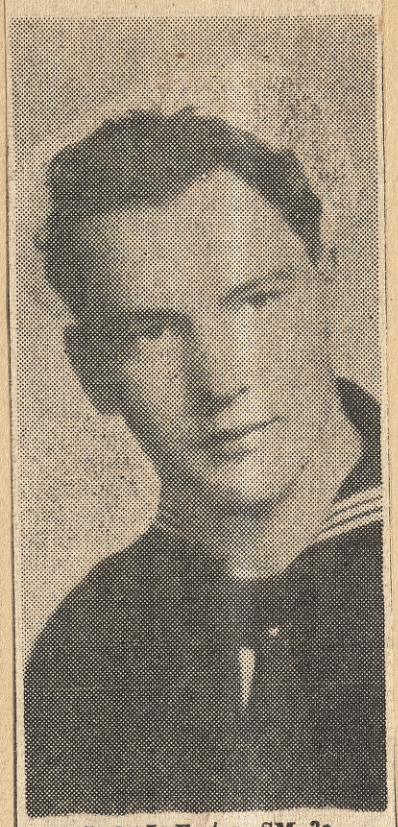
VISITS HOME



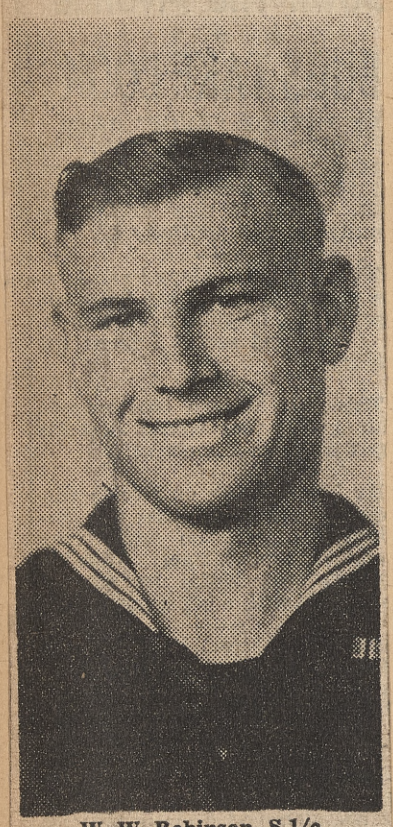
Jack J. Foster, SM 3c

After six months active duty in the South Pacific, Jack J. Foster, signalman third class, is home on leave to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Domaz of Eureka.

Foster has served in many parts of the Pacific war theater, recently participating in the invasions of the Philippines and Okinawa. He attended Eureka schools and was employed by the Chicago Bridge and Iron company here before entering the service.

Wed June 6-1945

Home On Leave



W. W. Robinson, S 1/c

On his first leave in 22 months of sea duty on the famed "Fighting Lady" aircraft carrier, Walter W. Robinson, seaman first class, is home to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robinson of Clam Beach.

Robinson participated in the first carrier raids on the Marshalls, Marianas, Carolines, Philippines, Formosa, Indo-China, Hong-Kong, Tokyo, Iwo Jima, against the Jap fleet and other Jap islands. He enlisted in the navy two and a half years ago, trained at Farragut, Idaho.

Seaman Robinson is a brother of Glenn S. Robinson, seaman 2/c and signalman, in the South Pacific on an aircraft carrier, Clinton Day in the tank corps, Camp Stewart, Georgia, Charlotte and Dorothy Robinson of Clam Beach, Mrs. Al Cook of Oakland. He is a graduate of South Fork High school and was employed at the airport near Arcata before enlisting.

Fri June 1-1945

Wins Commission

Ensign Elvin Jackson

A former Humboldt State collegian, Ensign Elvin E. Jackson, 22, of 2551 B street has recently been commissioned at Davisville, Rhode Island. He is expected home on leave next month.

Ensign Jackson graduated from the University of Oklahoma at Norman, starred on the Navy football team there and took an engineering course. He also played football at Humboldt State. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Eric Jackson of Eureka.

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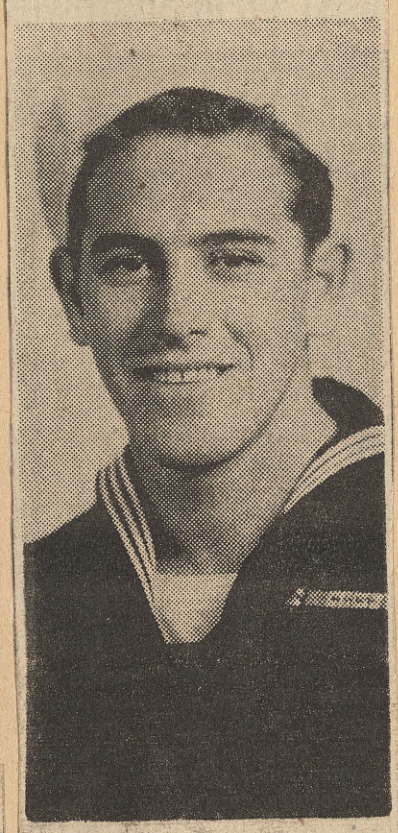
VISITS PARENTS



Edward Ferrari, SF 2c

FORTUNA, June 4. - Home on 30 day leave from naval service, Edward C. Ferrari, shipfitter 2c, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Ferrari of Fortuna. He will report later at San Diego to attend a welding school.

Ferrari participated in the invasion operations at Peleliu, Palau, Leyte, Lingayen Gulf and Okinawa, wears five battle stars on his Asiatic-Pacific ribbon.

Ferrari graduated from Fortuna High school in 1941, was employed as a mechanic in Eureka before enlisting. He served more than a year on patrol of the Hawaiian Sea Frontier before being transferred to a patrol chaser in Pacific combat regions.

He is a brother of Mrs. Charles Katri and Mrs. Victor DeCarli of Ferndale, Mrs. James Tomasini of Eureka.

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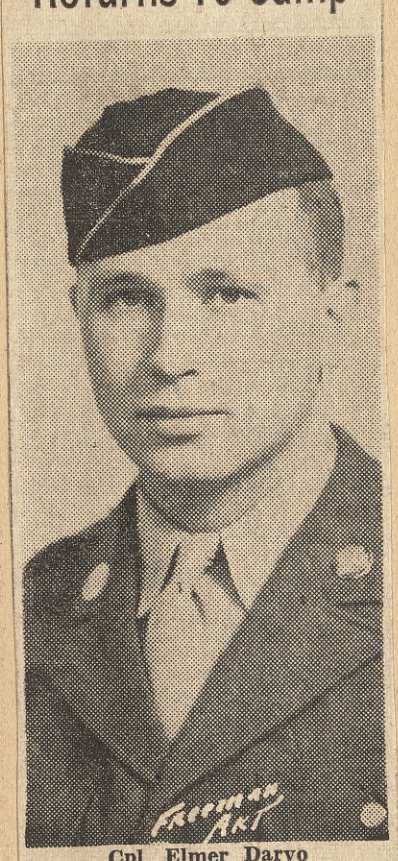
Returns To Camp



Cpl. Elmer Darvo

After being home on furlough Cpl. Elmer Darvo left yesterday for Camp Beale. He visited here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Darvo of 2163 Pine street.

Cpl. Darvo was a student at University of California at Berkeley when he entered the Army two years ago. He trained at Camp Kohler and Fort Monmouth, New Jersey before going to Camp Crowder, Missouri, where he recently completed a course as carrier repeaterman.

Sunday evening he was guest of honor at a dinner party at the Big Four with Mrs. Darvo, Mrs. Roy Duncan and her son, Lt. William Duncan, as the other guests.

Tues June 5-1945

Killed In Action

HARVEY MOREHEAD

Harvey Morehead, 27, of Smith River, aviation radioman third class of the Navy, has been killed in action in the South Pacific, according to word received here by his wife, Lois, who lives at 3024 Williams street with their two children, Joan, two years old, and Dennis Lee, six months old, whom the father had never seen.

The Navy man was buried at sea with full military honors.

Morehead graduated from the Del Norte High school and had been logging in the Smith River area before enlisting two and a half years ago.

In addition to his family here, Morehead is survived by his mother, Mrs. Amanda Morehead of Smith River, and the following brothers and sisters, Cornelius Morehead in the Army, Mrs. Ethel Scott, Frank, Fred and Ray Morehead of Smith River, Mrs. Clara Lopez of Venice, Mrs. Louise Whipple of Eureka, Miss Loretta Morehead, who lives in Oregon, and Ted Morehead of Falk.

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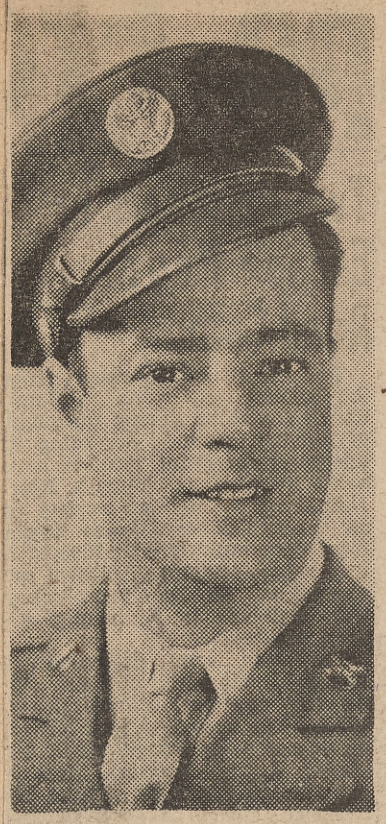
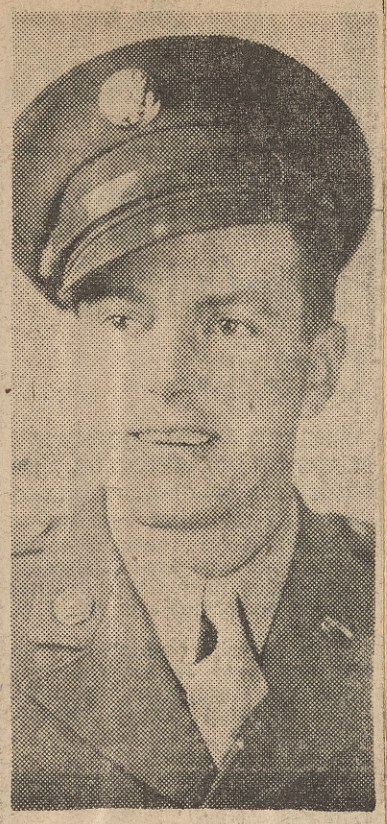
PFC. Alvin R. Simons Killed



Cpl. Joseph Simons



Pfc. Alvin Simons

ARCATA, June 4.—Pfc. Alvin R. Simons, 19, of Tulare, former employe of the Chicago Bridge and Iron company and the Baker and Stanton company in Eureka, was killed in action April 18 in Germany, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Simons of Tulare and relatives in Humboldt county.

Pfc. Simons entered the Army in February, 1944, and was stationed at Camp Croft, South Carolina and then in Mississippi. He went overseas last November and served in England, France and Germany.

While he lived in Humboldt he made his home with his aunt, Mrs. Rosa Simons of Bayside. Besides his parents and aunt he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Manuel Rocha and Mrs. Lee Lawrence of Tulare and a brother, Cpl. Joe Simons, who is now in Germany, and his cousins, Mrs. James Avila, Alice Simons, Joe, Frank, Ralph, Manuel, Albert and Raymond Simsons of Arcata.

Cpl. Joseph Simons, 25, went into the service in January, 1942, was at Camp Callon, San Diego, Camp Haan, Riverside, and went overseas in July, serving in England, France, Belgium, and Germany.

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Arcata Brothers Wounded In Italy

Delfo and Giuseppe J. Nieri, pictured here, are recovering in a hospital at Leghorn, Italy, from wounds received in action at Spezia in the northern part of the country, according to word received by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sebastiano Nieri of Arcata, where both soldiers attended school. They entered the service together in May, 1944, went overseas in December of last year and have been together all the time. They visited relatives in Lucca, Italy. Both received Purple Heart medals.

Thurs. June 7-1945

Returns To Base

Seaman A. B. Raineri

SAMOA, June 7.-After 10 days leave at home, Seaman 2c Alfred B. Raineri has gone to Bremerton, Washington, to be reassigned. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Domenico Raineri, and he is a brother of Alice Raineri of Samoa.

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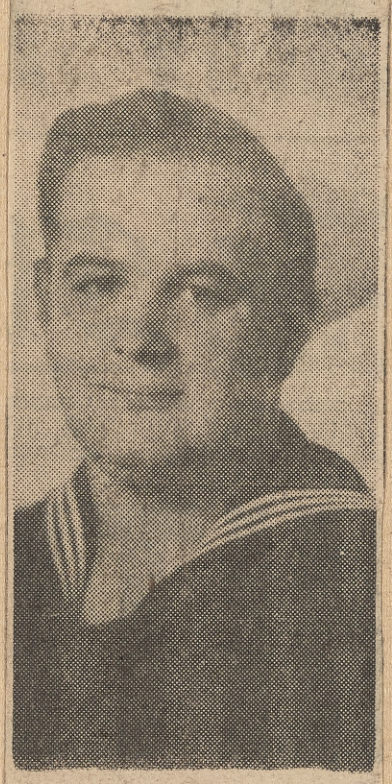
Home On Leave



Francis Aggeler, GM 1c

Recently home on leave from duty in the Pacific areas, Francis Lea Aggeler, gunners mate first class, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Aggeler, Jr., of Arcata, former Eurekans, and Saturday was married to Miss Katherine McGleam.

Enlisting three and a half years ago Aggeler trained at San Diego and went to sea more than three years ago, serving on an oil tanker that serves Navy ships wherever they are in the Pacific war theater. He was able to be home on leave while his ship was being repaired and has now rejoined his ship.

A graduate of Eureka High school, he attended Humboldt State college and was employed here in his father's grocery before enlisting. He is a brother of Mrs. A. E. Simmons of Eureka.

Wed June 6-1945

Gets Purple Heart

Seaman Ray Ramos

For wounds suffered during the Iwo Jima invasion, Seaman 1c Ray F. Ramos of Eureka has received the Purple Heart Medal, according to his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Simpson of Eureka. He was aboard a landing craft.

Ramos enlisted in January, 1944, after attending Eureka High school. His father, Rafael F. Ramos, is employed in the Hawaiian Islands and his sisters and brothers, Felicita Ramos, George and Eugene Simpson, live here.

Thurs June 7-1945

COMMISSIONED

Ensign Jack Piersall

BLUE LAKE, June 7.-Recently commissioned at Camp Endicott, Rhode Island, Ensign Jack Piersall of Blue Lake is serving in the Marianas, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Piersall of Blue Lake.

The ensign graduated from Arcata High school and attended Humboldt State college where he was Student Body president and interested in athletics before enlisting in the Naval Reserve and attending University of California at Berkeley for two years.

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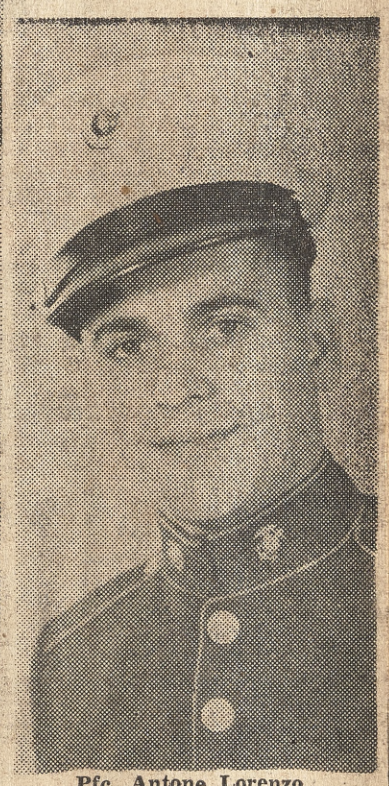
FERNDALE BROTHERS FIGHTING JAPS

Cpl. John Lorenzo



Pfc. Antone Lorenzo

FERNDALE, June 6. - Plans for a meeting between Ferndale brothers, Cpl. John Lorenzo and Pfc. Antone Lorenzo of the Marines, were altered when the Marine was wounded May 10 in action on Okinawa. The soldier is still there helping to eradicate the Japs.

Pfc. Lorenzo has received the Purple Heart, which has been sent to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lorenzo of Ferndale. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in May, 1944, trained at San Diego and Camp Pendleton before going overseas last November to serve with Company K, Third Battalion, 22nd Marines, 6th Division. He was a dairyman in civilian life, attended school in Ferndale. The Marine is receiving hospital care in the Marianas.

Cpl. John Lorenzo has been 45 months in the Army, 23 months overseas, serving at Attu, the Marshals and Leyte. He attended school here and worked for the Pacific Lumber company.

Brothers of the soldier and the Marine are Daniel Lorenzo of Ferndale, who will begin military service this month, Adelino and Leonel Lorenzo of Ferndale.

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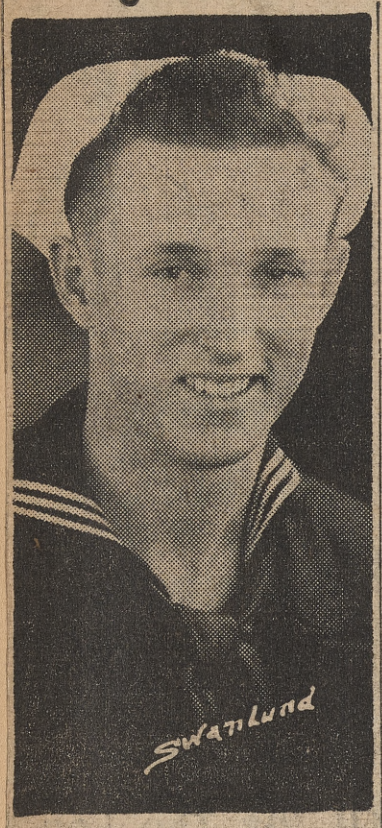
Cutten Youth Lost In Naval Action During Battle Of Okinawa



Seaman George Moore

The Navy no longer can hope for the return of Seaman 2c George Milton Moore of Cutten, reported missing in action April 6, according to a Navy Department letter received by the naval hero's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Harry Moore of Cutten. The young sailor had been serving aboard an LST in action near Okinawa.

The following letter has come from Lt. Paul J. Schmitz, USNR, to the Moores:

My dear Mr. & Mrs. Moore,

It is with great sorrow that I, as Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. LST, 447, write you concerning your son, George Milton Moore, Seaman Second Class, U. S. Navy. Although he has been previously officially listed as "Missing in action," it is my duty to inform you now that I can hold no hope for his return. He was never seen by any of his shipmates after we were hit and, knowing the facts as I do, I believe he met his death instantly.

The enemy action occurred on 6 April 1945 in the vicinity of Okinawa. We were at General Quarters at the time. Your son, being a gunner's mate, was repairing a 20 mm gun while we were being attacked. The initial explosion did considerable damage to this part of the ship making it impossible to search that area for any of the men at that gun station. The balance of the ship was searched as thoroughly as possible under the circumstances, but no one saw your son after we were hit. The ship sank the following day. The entire area around the ship was diligently searched by several different ships which were on the scene in a few minutes.

You can be very proud of George Milton. As you know, he was striking for gunner's mate. Although he had been aboard the ship, at sea, but a short time he no doubt would have gone up in rate as his work was always above the average. Your son had the respect and admiration of the officers and crew because of his pleasant disposition and willingness to do more than his share. We are all proud to have served with your son. A memorial service was held for your son aboard the U. S. S. WAYNE, 12 April 1945.

His loss causes all of us a deep personal sorrow and I know I speak for his shipmates in extending our heartfelt sympathy to you —in memory of your son—a real man who gave his life in the service of his country.

With deepest sympathy.
PAUL J. SCHMITZ
Lieutenant (D) USNR.

Fri June 8-1945

EUREKAN SEES JAP AIR RAIDS

PVT. RAY CONOLLY

"We knocked down all the Jap planes we saw!"

That was the way Pvt. Ray Conolly, overseas in Anti-aircraft Service, described several recent Jap bombing raids his company has been in. His mother is Mrs. Henry Frederickson of 3333 F street in Eureka. He writes her that he has taken part in operations on Leyte, Ie Shima, Kerama, Rhetto and is now on Okinawa.

"We were under mortar fire all one night but we are secure now and only a few Jap snipers are left to shoot at us", the soldier said.

Conolly enlisted in February, 1942, trained at Camp Gallan, San Diego, and went overseas in May of that year to the Hawaiian Islands.

His brother, Jack K. Conolly, is serving overseas in the infantry and has participated in several invasions, is now on Mindanao with the 24th Division.

Jack Conolly enlisted in October, 1942, and went directly to Hawaii for training, then to New Guinea and the Philippines.

The brothers are looking forward to meeting in the not too distant future in Tokyo, they write.

Sun June 10-1945

PASSES B-29 TRAINING TEST

HOWARD HAWTHORNE

ARCATA, June 9. — Second Lieutenant Howard A. Hawthorne will soon join the 20th Air Force overseas for duty against the Japanese following his recent graduation from a B-29 combat crew training class at the Davis-Monthan Field at Tucson, Ariz.

A navigator, Lt. Hawthorne has passed rigid tests and has undergone comprehensive training with overseas veteran instructors. He entered the service in November, 1943. His father, G. Hawthorne, lives at Arcata and his mother, Mrs. P. S. Davison, lives at Claresholm, Alberta, Canada, where he graduated from high school in 1942.

Sun June 10-1945

Navy Battle Vet Home On Visit

EARL RUMBLE, RM 2c

Home from 20 months service on a destroyer in the South Pacific and wearing 10 battle stars, Earl Rumble, radarman 2c, is visiting his wife at 233 K street while on 30 day leave. When he rejoins his ship, being repaired in New York, Mrs. Rumble will accompany him east.

The radarman participated in engagments in Leyte and Lingayen Gulf as well as others and holds a Presidential Unit Citation.

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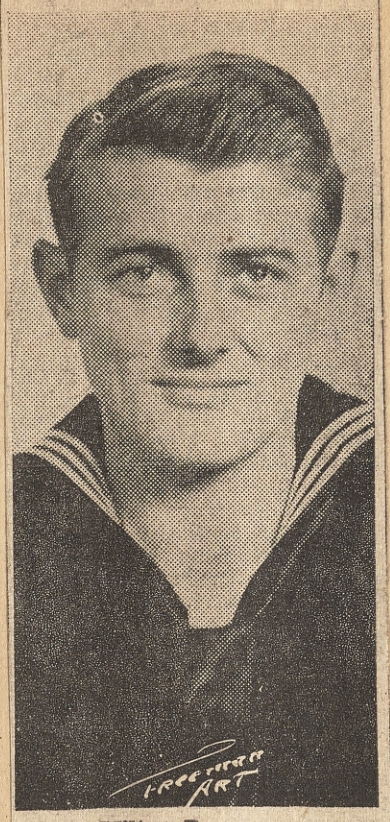
Returns To Ship



Milton Rasmussen

After being home on leave to visit relatives, Milton Rasmussen, water tender first class, has returned to his ship. He was accompanied to Oakland by his wife, Dorothy, who lives in the transbay city.

Rasmussen has been in the Navy since September 1940. He was aboard the ship that fired the first salvo on the Jap homeland when they fired on Paramashiro. He has been in the South Pacific area for one and a half years, participating in several engagements, and also served in the Aleutian campaign for 18 months.

The naval veteran's father is Clifford Rasmussen and he is a brother of Marion and Clifford Rasmussen, Jr., of Eureka.

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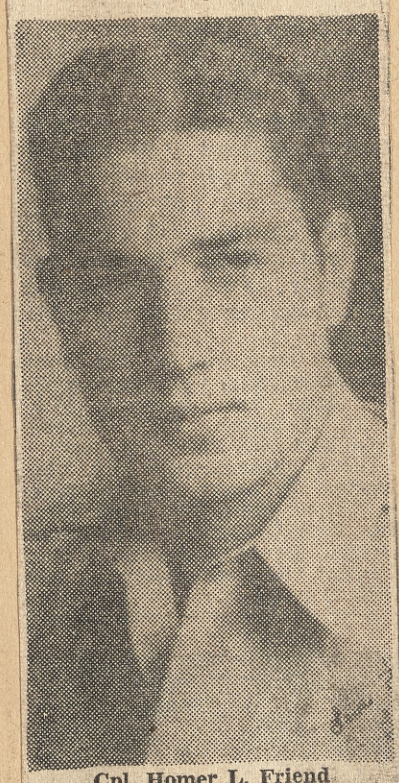
In Philippines



Cpl. Homer L. Friend

In the Army more than two years Cpl. Homer L. Friend of Eureka, who has participated in several Pacific campaigns is now on Luzon. He trained at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and has been fighting the Japs since June, 1943. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray L. Friend of Eureka.

He is presently stationed with the 25th Division, 60th Field Artillery Battalion, on Northern Luzon.

Prior to the Luzon campaign he served in New Zealand, Russell islands, Marshall islands, New Caledonia and Guadalcanal.

He is a brother of Ray T. Friend of Eureka and Mrs. Roy Nelson of Loleta.

Fri June 14-1945

On Furlough

Sgt. Alfred F. Harris

GARBERVILLE, June 13.-Home on furlough since he was inducted in February, 1943, and from 18 months overseas service, Sgt. Alfred F. Harris is visiting relatives in the county for 30 days.

Sgt. Harris was awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation Badge as a member of an Army Air Forces B-24 Liberator group and was stationed in Italy, going overseas in November, 1943, after training at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

The soldier is a son of Alfred Harris, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George Harris of Garberville and a brother of Sgt. Bernard E. Harris who was recently liberated from a German prison camp and is expected to arrive home soon.

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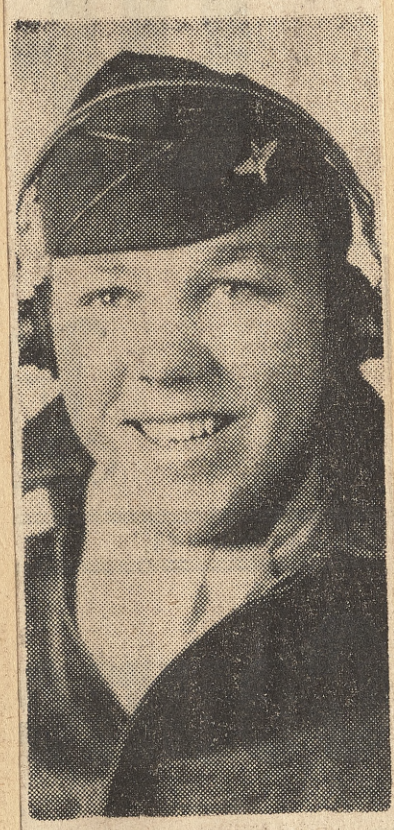
Studies Radar



Lt. Robert Brambani

To take advanced radar studies, Lt. Robert J. Brambani of Eureka is at Langley Field, Virginia. He was commissioned last April at Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Lt. Brambani graduated from Eureka High school and enlisted in the Army Air Force in July, 1943. His wife, the former Joy Stone, is with him in Virginia and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brambani, live at 2537 K street.

Fri June 15-1945

Blue Lake Soldier

Awarded Medal

T-4 Ervin Gehrig

BLUE LAKE, June 15. - For heroism during the battles for Okinawa, the Bronze Star Medal has been awarded to Technician-4 Ervin R. Gehrig, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gehrig, live on Liscom Hill near here.

Gehrig, operating a bulldozer in the construction of a road block and by-pass necessary to provide passage for tanks spearheading an infantry assault on heavily fortified enemy positions, although driven from his bulldozer several times by direct enemy machine gun fire. worked with such efficiency and courage while under constant mortar and artillery fire that the construction was completed in record time. Upon completing the assigned mission and when four men in the party were wounded by a burst from an enemy spigot mortar, Gehrig immediately gave valuable assistance in the evacuation of the casualties.

His calmness under fire and superior performance of duty were an inspiration to the other men who witnessed his work.

Gehrig's heroic service took place at Kaniku on Okinawa April 29, 1945.

He is a member of Company I, 184th Infantry, Eureka's own Army fighting unit. He has been in the service for two years, having served overseas for a year. He attended Arcata High school.

Fri June 15-1945

Liberated

Nazi Prison

T-Sgt. E. Bartholomew

ARCATA, June 16. - Formerly employed for three years here by the Speier Lumber company, Technical Sgt. Everett Bartholomew was liberated April 26 from a Nazi prison camp.

No word had been received from him by his mother, Mrs. Clara Bartholomew of Warren, Oregon, since his Flying Fortress, "We Dood It," was shot down in February, 1942, during a bombing mission over Germany when the sergeant was reported missing.

Bartholomew has been awarded the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster for outstanding and courageous service in flights over Germany.

The sergeant was born in Portland, Oregon, and was inducted from Eureka.

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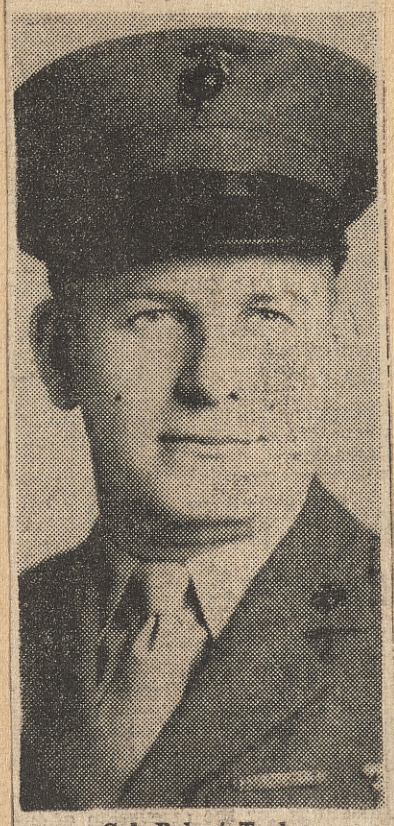
Killed In Action

On Iwo Jima



Cpl. Robert Taylor

Cpl. Robert H. Taylor of Eureka was killed during the fighting on Iwo Jima, March 25 when he was hit by a Jap sniper. He was serving in a demolition squad, having volunteered for that branch in the Marine Corps after enlising in March, 1943.

"Tiny" Taylor, as he was known to his friends here because he was six feet, four inches tall, also enlisted his fine dog, Prince, a Doberman pinscher, who has been overseas 15 months and is still in service on Iwo Jima.

Born in Eureka, Cpl. Taylor when a youth carried a newspaper route for the Humboldt Times and learned to be a pressman in the Times mechanical shop, later working as a pressman for the San Francisco Examiner.

Surviving the war hero are his sisters, Mrs. James Maney and Mrs. David Brody of San Francisco; his aunts, Mrs. Archie Devlin of Eureka, Mrs. Jennie Valenti of San Francisco and Mrs. Eliza Spence of Ireland. His mother, Mrs. Mary Taylor of San Francisco, died just two weeks before her son was killed.

Fri June 15-1945

Naval Officer

Chief Engineer

Lt. Michael Chetkovich

After participating in all major operations from the Marshall Islands in February, 1944, to and including the Okinawa operations, Lt. Michael Chetkovich, USNR, is home on 10-day leave to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Chetkovich of Pine Hill.

Lt. Chetkovich is chief engineer on a destroyer escort and has been 18 months in the Pacific area, is having his first leave at home in two years. He will return to the same duty.

The young officer enlisted in the Navy three years ago, graduated from Annapolis and took special courses at Pennsylvania State college and at Norfolk, Virginia. He spent several months on Atlantic duty.

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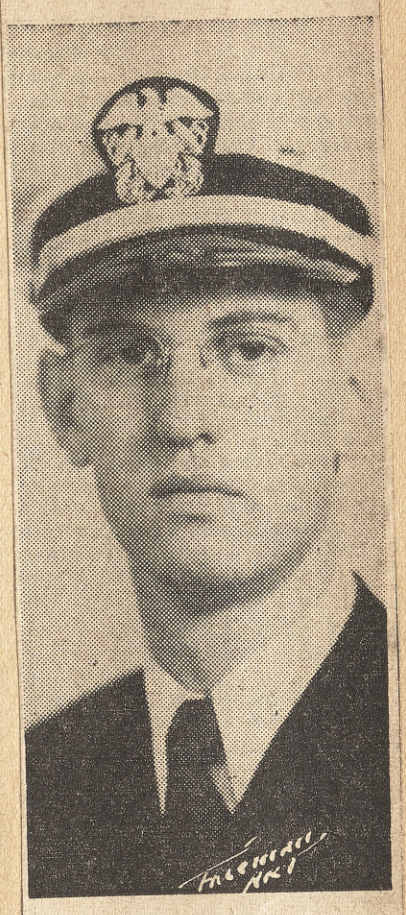
Fred Slack Gets Rank Of Ensign



ENSIGN FRED SLACK

Fred Slack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slack of Eureka, and former employee of the Eureka Newspapers, Inc., has been commissioned as an ensign in the naval supply corps. He recently graduated from the Harvard Graduate School of Business.

Ensign Slack attended the Eureka schools, later graduating from Humboldt State College and the University of California. He is widely known in this region, having been prominently active in student body affairs.

Slack entered the Naval Reserve in 1942 and was called to active service in July of the following year.

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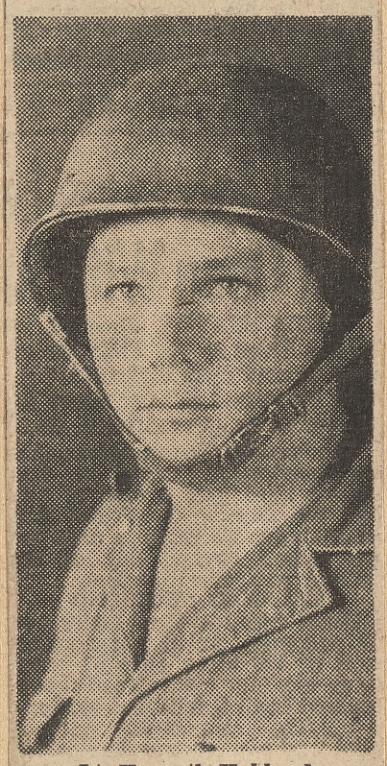
Wins Commission



Lt. Kenneth Hubbard

Kenneth Earl Hubbard of Eureka was commissioned June 2 a second lieutenant in the Army after completing the Officer Candidate course at Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia.

The new lieutenant was inducted June 2, 1944, and served with the 77th Infantry Traning Batallion at Camp Roberts before going to officer candidate school four months ago.

Lt. Hubbard is a graduate of Arcata High school and his mother, Mrs. E. K. Hubbard, lives at 1423 C street, Eureka.

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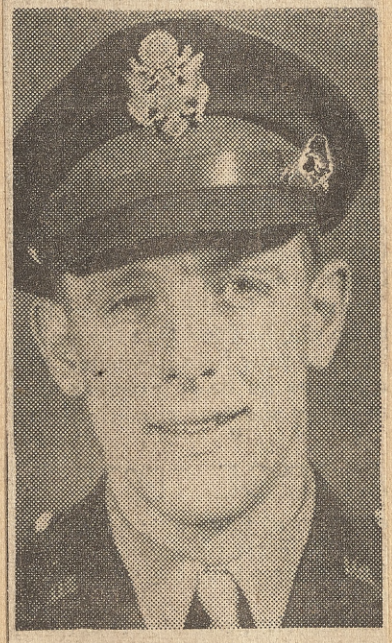
30-Day Leave

Eurekan Home



Lt. Harold Narron

A bombardier wearing the Air Medal and two Bronze Stars, First Lt. Harold Narron, 15th Air Force in Italy, is home on 30-day leave. He will report next month at Camp Beale for assignment.

Graduating from Eureka High school, Narron attended Humboldt State and entered the Air Forces in January, 1943. The lieutenant is visiting with his mother, Mrs. Gladys Berry of Pine Hill. He is a brother of Sgt. Arthur Naron, who is on duty in New Guinea, and Henry Narron of Santa Rosa.

Fri June 22-1945

Bronze Star

Sgt. Dorman McNeill

The Bronze Star Medal, given for meritorious service in Belgium, France, Holland and Germany has been awarded Sgt. Dorman McNeill, who formerly attended Arcata and Fortuna High schools. He has been overseas 31 months, enlisted in 1941.

Sgt. McNeill is a brother of Mrs. Harry Avera of Eureka, a nephew of Supervisor Fred and Mrs. Anderson of Korbel. His mother, Mrs. Iles McNeill lives in Hopland.

Sat June 16-1945

Vince Paskvan Visits Relatives

CORP. VINCE PASKVAN

Cpl. Vince Paskvan, son of C. D. Paskvan of Arcata, is on furlough here visiting his wife and relatives. He is a theatre projectionist in the Air Corps, and before entering the service was manager of the Rialto and State Theatres in this city and the Arcata Theatre.

Corporal Paskvan is stationed at Daniel Field near Augusta, Ga. He has seen 20 months of service with the Army.

Sat June 16-1945

Staff Sergeant Ernest Lewis Home After 21 Months In Nazi Prison

SGT. ERNEST R. LEWIS

After spending 21 months in German prison camps, Staff Sergeant Ernest R. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lewis of Eureka, is home.

Sgt. Lewis, in the Army Air Corps since September, 1941, was shot down over Hanover, Germany, in June, 1943. He was a gunner on a Flying Fortress and on his third mission when his plane was riddled with flak and cannon fire from German fighters to such an extent that the entire crew had to bail out.

Although badly wounded Sgt. Lewis recovered and was eventually sent to a prison camp in Austria along with 4000 other U. S. flyers.

Of his experiences he has little to say except that the Germans gave him a rough time. Food provided by the Nazis consisted only of black bread and cabbage soup.

"If it hadn't been for the Red Cross packages that came often, I don't think we would have lived" says Sgt. Lewis. He lost 30 pounds during his imprisonment.

Sgt. Lewis and his comrades were rescued by General Patton's Third Army on May 3 of this year.

"We knew the Americans were near," said Lewis, "and then one day we saw an American captain walking into our camp. He was wearing a .45 strapped to his side and walked right by the German guards. Then he announced to the fellows 'Boys, you're back in the American Army.' That announcement called for the wildest celebration I ever hope to see."

Sgt. Lewis has four brothers in the service, Cpl. William C. Lewis stationed near Santa Rosa, California; Pvt. Paul H. Lewis, now in Germany; Pvt. Roy Lewis at Camp Beale, and Seaman Second Class John Lewis, somewhere in the South Pacific.

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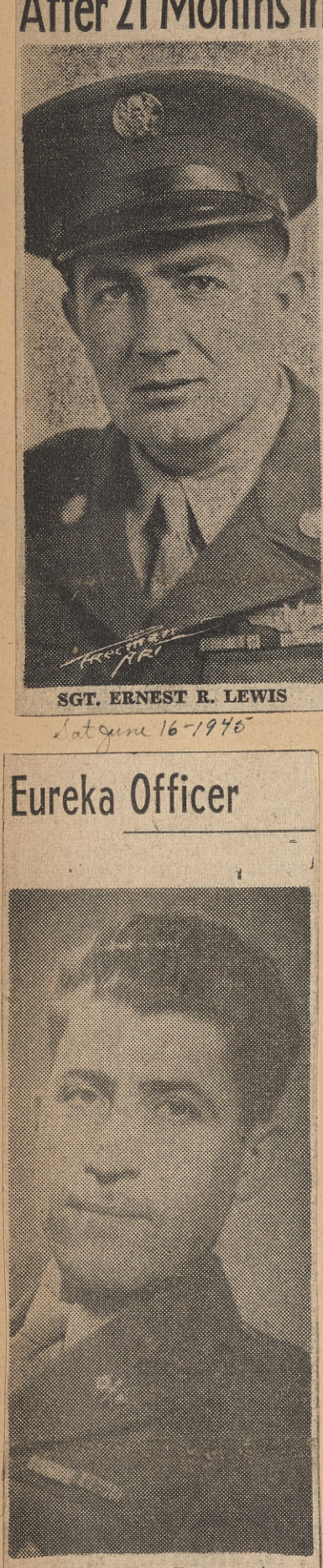
Eureka Officer



Major J. C. Davenport

Now stationed with the Army Signal Corps at Mannheim, Germany, Major J. C. Davenport of Eureka has been advanced from the rank of captain. He has been in the Army about six years and has been overseas 35 months, wears four combat Bronze Stars.

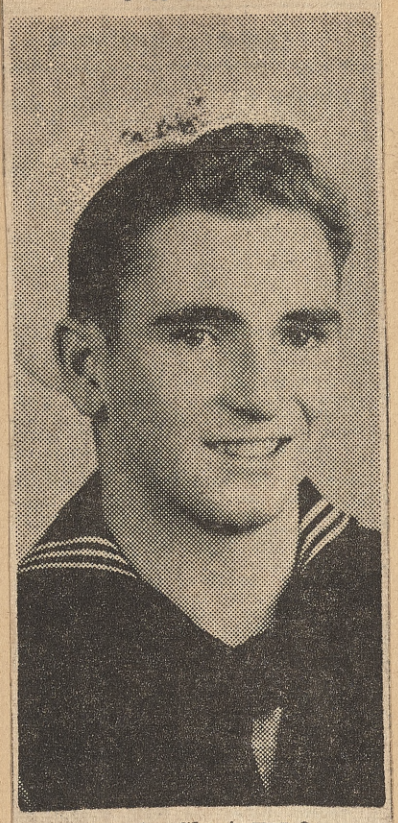
Major Davenport has served through the African campaign, also in Ireland and England as well as the war on the European continent. He is a graduate of Eureka High school and was employed here by the Western States Grocery.

The major's mother is Mrs. Bessie Davenport of 4050 D street and he is a brother of Mrs. John Sandretto of Eureka, Mrs. Elton McLain of Sacramento, David Davenport, AMM 1/c, Navy, at Klamath Falls, Oregon, Edward Davenport of Eureka and Walter Davenport, who was wounded in France, received the Purple Heart medal, and after receiving an honorable discharge from the Army returned home Thursday.

Sat June 16-1945

30-Day Leave

At Red Crest



Douglas Short, EM 3c

On 30-day leave until June 30, Douglas M. Short, Electricians mate 3c, is spending the time at his home at Red Crest, coming here from Brazil where he had been stationed for a year. He will be reassigned at San Diego.

The Navy man's brother, Warrant Officer John M. Short, is with an Army Medical Corps in Bavaria.

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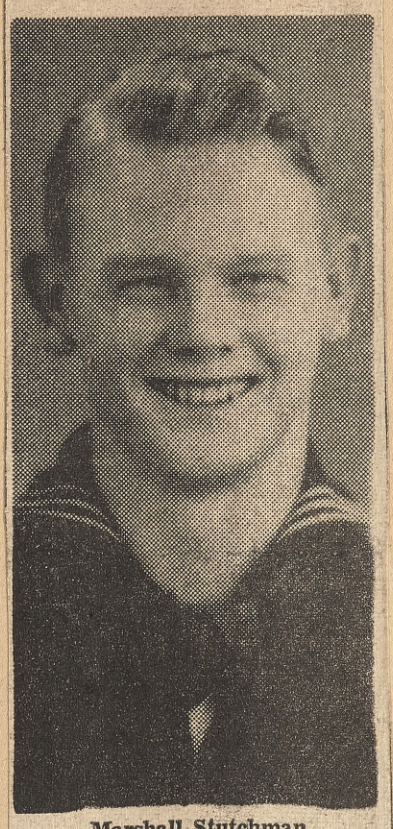
Gets Purple Heart

Eurekan Wounded



Marshall Stutchman

Wounded in action in the Pacific area, Marshall Stutchman, radioman 2c, has received the Purple Heart Medal. The award has been sent to the serviceman's mother, Mrs. Hattie Stitchman of 3715 F street.

Stutchman, who joined the navy immediately after Pearl Harbor, has a brother, Jerry, who also has received the Purple Heart after being wounded while serving with the army in Belgium. Jerry is at present confined to a hospital in Colorado.

Mrs. Stutchman subscribes to the Eureka newspapers for her sons, and Marshall writes how much he enjoys reading about Eureka and passing the papers on to his buddies.

Besides his mother, Marshall also has a sister, Beverly who lives at the home address, and a brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Baldry, and nieces, Karen Sue and Marsha Kay of Vallejo.

Mon June. 18-1945

Cpl. F. W. Davenport

Home On Furlough

Cpl. F. W. Davenport

After serving two years in the South Pacific, Cpl. F. W. Davenport, now stationed at the Oakland Army base, is home on furlough.

Cpl. Davenport is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Davenport of 2120 Tydd street and his sister, Mrs. Henry Bishop of Ryan Slough.

He is a brother of Pfc. Leo A. Davenport with the Marines on Okinawa and Ensign C. E. Davenport at India Head, Maryland.

Tues June. 19-45

Inactive Duty

For Eurekan

Lt. Harold L. Johnson

First Lt. Harold L. Johnson, Army Air Force, has received a Certificate of Service under the Army point system and is now on inactive duty in the officers reserve.

A bombardier on a B-24, Lt. Johnson returned from overseas in April of this year after completing 61 combat missions over Germany. He was attached to the 15th Air Force based in Italy. He wears the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, two battle Stars and the Presidential Citation.

The young officer enlisted in 1942 and was commissioned in April, 1944. He has three brothers in the service, Staff Sgt. Leonard Johnson with the Eighth Air Force, Staff Sgt. Charles Johnson at Yuma, Arizona, and Pvt. Robert Johnson in France.

Lt. Johnson and his wife are spending a vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Johnson of Eureka, and with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Spetz of Arcata.

Sat June 16-1945

Bomber Pilot

On Visit Here

Lt. Robert Starkey

Home from England and four months combat duty with the 8th Air Force, 398th Bomb Group, Lt. Robert Starkey returned to Eureka this morning, accompanied by his wife, Lois, from San Francisco, to spend his 30-day leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis E. Starkey of 4104 E street, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Felt of 2620 O street.

Lt. Starkey, pilot on a B-17 bomber, completed 22 missions over Germany, has received the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters. He entered the Army Air force in February, 1943, and trained at Pecos, Texas, where he was commissioned, and at Roswell, New Mexico and Sioux City, Iowa.

The pilot's sister, Mrs. E. E. Shay, and her husband, Flight Officer Shay of Alexander, Louisana, expect to be home on leave soon.

Mon June 18-1945

Eurekan Observes

On Superfortress

Lt. Charles Gobard

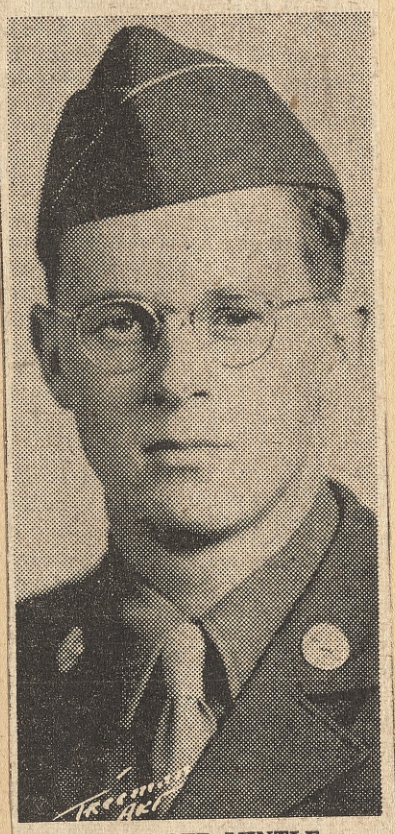
An electronic observer and crew member of a B-29 bomber, the Yankee Dollah, 2nd Lt. Charles E. Bobard of Eureka, is on combat duty in the South Pacific aboard the Superfortress.

Thi ship was named for the finance officer at the Topeka, Kansas, Army Air field, where the men overscribed their war bond total 200 per cent.

Thurs June 21-1945

Youth Wounded

Okinawa Action



PFC. FRED MINTLE

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ellis of 1911 Seventeenth street have received recent word that their son, Pfc. Fred R. Mintle, has been wounded in action on Okinawa. The Eureka youth had recently been promoted to his present rank.

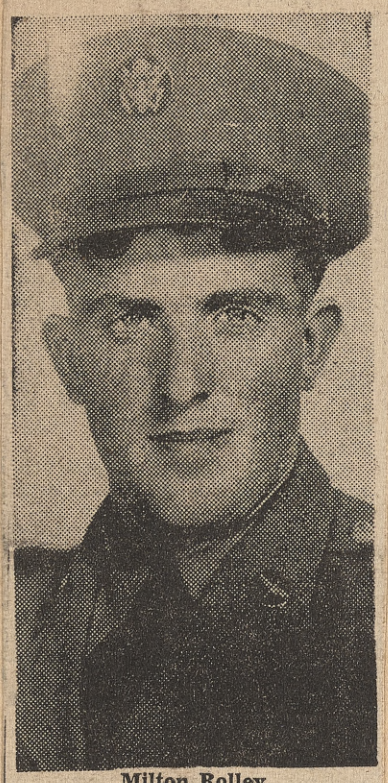
Pfc. Mintle was taken aboard a hospital ship to a base hospital where he will recuperate and rest, according to the War Department message.

Mintle was serving with a mortar crew and had been on Okinawa since the campaign began and been in the Army since August, 1944. He attended school in Arcata and had been employed in Korbel before entering the service. He has a sister, Ida Mintle of Eureka.

Tues June 19-1945

Wins Discharge

Once Missing



Milton Rolley

FORTUNA, June 18.-After more than three years active service overseas, Milton Rolley, a technical sergeant, has received an honorable discharge from the Army and is home again. Although reported missing at one time, Rolley's plane had landed in neutral Turkey where the crew was interned four months.

That was in 1943. At the time he was an engineer on a large four-motored Liberator bomber. The crew lived a carefree life for four months as guests of the Turkish government. At that time he had taken part in many bombing missions, including raids on the Rumanian Ploesti oil fields.

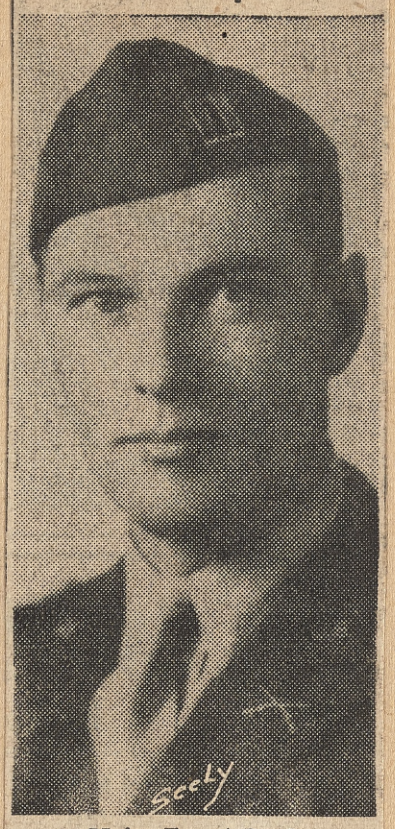
Rolley's father is Albert Rolley of Fortuna. Has been awarded the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the Flying Cross Unit Citation Badge for work in European, African and Middle East campaigns. He arrived in London in September of 1942 and saw action from there, in Algiera, French Morocco, Egypt, Libya and Sicily.

Rolley is a graduate of the Eureka High school and is busy now renewing acquaintances with his many friends.

Mon June 18-1945

Wins Promotion

Now Major Reed



Major Ernest Reed

A recent promotion has come to a Eureka officer, now Major Ernest J. Reed who is serving on Okinawa, according to his wife, Jean, who is living at Cutten with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coulter.

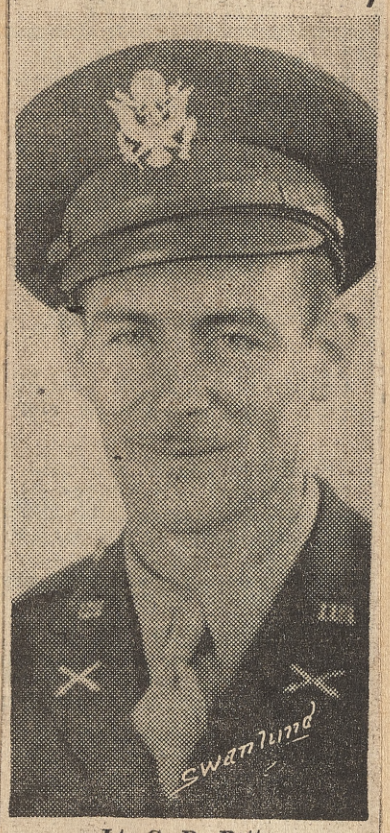
Major Reed left here in 1941 with the California National Guard, under the command of the now Lt. Col. Walker of Eureka, which is incorporated into the Seventh Division. The major was in the battles at Attu, Kwajalein, Leyte, and Okinawa, having been wounded at Kwajalein.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Reed of 2036 S street.

Wed June 20-1945

Eureka Lieutenant

Visits With Family



Lt. C. D. Petty

Lt. Charles D. Petty arrived last night to spend a week's leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Petty, 2920 A street, his wife, Alene, and daughter Sharon.

Lt. Petty who was serving with the 774th Field Artillery, has just returned from eleven months overseas duty in Germany. This is his first visit home in fourteen months and at its conclusion, he will report to Sheppard Field, Texas, for further training.

Lt. Petty's wife and daughter will accompany him to his new station.

Wed June 20-1945

Cpl. Arthur Hall On Visit To County

Cpl. Arthur Hall

Home from 18 months service with the Army Engineers in Scotland and Iceland, Cpl. Arthur Hall is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Gates of Pepperwood before reporting June 27 at Camp Beale for reassignment. He has been in service since January, 1943.

Cpl. Hall joined his wife, Margaret, and son, Jeffery, in Santa Rosa when he returned from the European Theatre of Operations and they accompanied him to Humboldt county.

Thurs June 21-1945

Eureka Corporal

30-Day Furlough

CPl. Kenneth Jensen

In England for 18 months with the 8th Air Force, Corporal Kenneth Jensen of Eureka is home on 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jensen of 2840 C street.

In the Army since January, 1943 Jensen wears four Bronze Stars. After graduating from Eureka High he worked for the Hammond Lumber company and while attending school worked for the Eureka Newspapers.

Fri June 22-1945

Bronze Star For Colonel Flaherty

Former Standard Editor Decorated

Colonel Francis F. Flaherty of Eureka, executive officer, G-3 Section, Headquarters, Ninth Army, is shown here as Lt. General William H. Simpson, commanding officer, has awarded the Bronze Star Medal at Ninth Army Headquarters, Braunschweig, Germany. Col. Flaherty was former managing editor of The Humboldt Standard.

The following citation was read when the medal was presented to the Eurekan:

Colonel Francis F. Flaherty General Staff Corps, while serving the army of the United States, distinguished himself by meritorious service in connection with the military operations from 5 September to 16 Nov., 1944. As executive officer to the assistant chief of staff, G-3, Headquarters Ninth United States army, Colonel Flaherty carried out his duties in an outstanding manner. His sound judgment and complete understanding of operational activities, coupled with his personable qualities, were of inestimable value in coordination of the many activities during the preparational phase of the Ninth U. S. Army's attack through the Siegfried line and advance to the Roer.

His extensive experience as a staff officer was of great value to the other officers in the section in assisting them towards the solution of the many problems incident to that preparatory phase. The meritorious service of Colonel Flaherty is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service."

Since then Col. Flaherty has also received a high Russian medal award, a decoration for rendering distinguished service to the Soviet army. The presentation was made during a colorful ceremony at Ninth Army headquarters by a Russian general, accompanied by his staff officers.

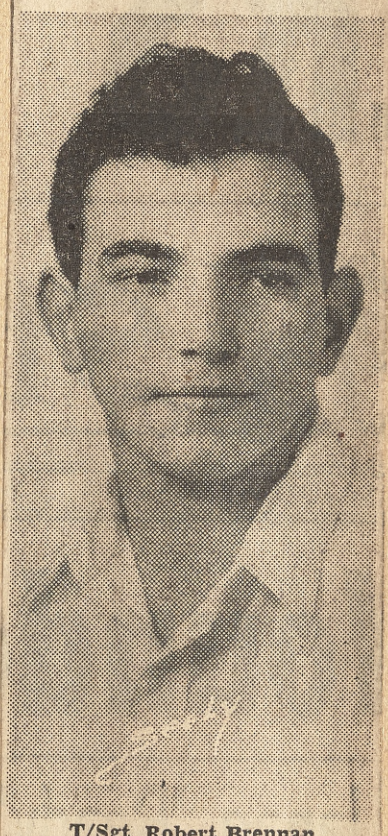
Throughout the war the Ninth army has worked in close cooperation with Russian, British and Canadian forces.

Col. Flaherty is also one of the few infantry officers to receive the Air Medal, awarded some time ago for service in the Aleutians during the Jap invasion when he was serving with Fourth Army headquarters Staff commanded by General John L. DeWitt.

Wed June 20-1945

60-Day Furlough

After Liberation



T/Sgt. Robert Brennan

T/Sgt. Robert Brennan, son of Frank J. Brennan of Eureka and Audrae F. Brennan of San Francisco arrived home this morning to spend a 60 day furlough with his family.

The sergeant, who served in the European theater of war with the Army Air Forces was a radio operator and gunner on a B-24 bomber. Brennan's plane was shot down on a mission over Holland and before being liberated by the American forces, was a German prisoner of war for nine months.

At the end of his furlough, he will report to a new station in Santa Barbara.

Sat June 23-1945

Carrier Service
Home On Leave

Seaman Richard Turner

Seaman 1/c Richard J. Turner is home from sea duty on a carrier in the South Pacific to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Turner, and sister, Mrs. Donna Francis, of Red Crest. He is on 20-day leave.

Seaman Turner has been 10 months in the South Pacific, and in five major battles, including Leyte, Luzon, Okinawa, Iwo Jima and Palau Island. He has been in the Navy two years, training at San Diego.

Sat June 23-1945

Suffers Wound
Eureka Youth

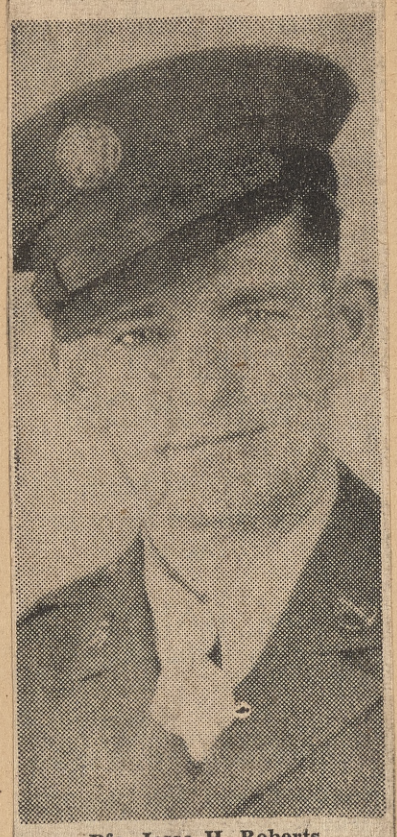
Pfc. Carl S. Matson

Pfc. Carl S. Matson of Eureka, 18 years old, has been wounded during action on Luzon, Philippine Islands, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Matson of 1127 Del Norte street.

Matson formerly carried a Humboldt Standard newspaper route and clerked in the Home Food Emporium. He graduated in June, 1944, from Eureka High school and went into the service in September of last year and overseas four months later.

Mon June 25-1945

Brothers Meet In Philippines



Pfc. Jesse H. Roberts

SAMOA, June 25.-Pfc. Jesse H. Roberts, infantry squadron leader, met his brother, Pfc. Leon Roberts for the first time in three and a half years when they encountered one another on June 10 in the Philippines. His commanding officer granted two weeks leave so they could visit.

Jesse Roberts has been overseas two and a half months and Leon Roberts had just arrived when they met on the islands.

Mrs. Jesse Roberts and their three children live at Samoa where Roberts had been water tender for the Hammond Lumber company for five years before he was inducted in November, 1944. He trained at Camp Hood, Texas, and had been stationed at Fort Ord before going overseas.

Mon June 25-1945

Aboard Nevada
County Veteran

Edward Freeland, FC

A veteran of landings and action in many parts of the world, Edward C. Freeland, Humboldt naval man, is serving aboard the veteran battleship Nevada, as first controlman third class.

Since last January he has participated in actions at Iwo Jima and Okinawa, and before that at Attu, Kiska, D-Day in Normandy and Southern France, in Africa and Italy.

Born at Fort Bragg, he attended school at Willits and enlisted three years ago from Garberville where he was then employed. His mother is Mrs. Catherine Hill of 1517 E street and he is a brother of Fred Arfstein of Eureka.

Mon June. 25-1945

Holmes Sergeant Considered Dead

HOLMES, June 27—According Mrs. Evelyn E. Chaney of Holmes, to a War department message to her son, Staff Sgt. Edward A. Chaney, Army Air force, missing since October 24, 1944, must be considered to have lost his life.

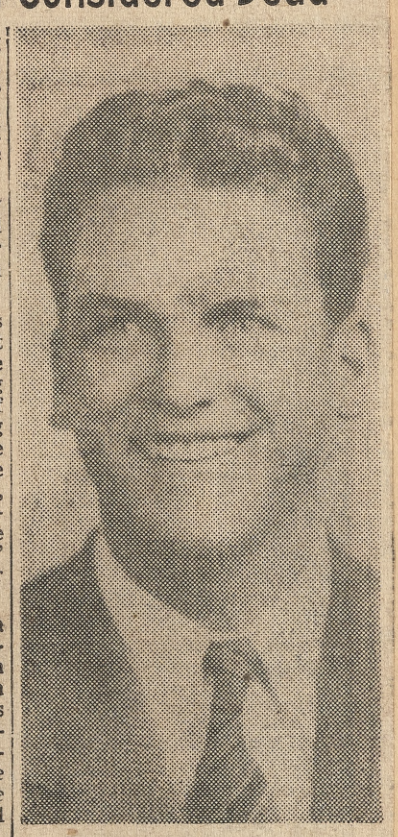
Sgt. Chaney was captured by the Japanese at Corregidor and was aboard their prisoner of war ship sunk by submarine action in the South China Sea.

"The International Red Cross has transmitted to this government an official list obtained from the Japanese government, after long delay, of American prisoners of war who were lost while being transported northward from the Philippine Islands on a Japanese ship which was sunk October 24, 1944. In the absence of any probability of survival, he must be considered to have lost his life," Mrs. Chaney letter from the War department read.

The vessel sailed from Manila October 11, 1944 with 1775 prisoners of war aboard. On the 24th it was sunk by submarine action in the South China Sea, 200 miles from the China coast. Five prisoners were known to have escaped in a small boat to the Chinese mainland and four others were picked up by the Japanese. All others were apparently lost.

Sergeant Chaney enlisted in the Air force December, 1939.

Besides his mother he is survived by his father, George Chaney of Briceland; a sister, Mrs. Henry Toroni, 3050 Lowell street, Eureka, and two brothers in the service. They are Technical Sergeant Chester L. Chaney with the Air force in the Philippines and



Sgt. Edward Chaney

Pfc. Eugene Chaney, paratrooper, also in the Philippines.

Thurs June 28-1945

Lt. Arleigh F. Hale Now Determined To Have Been Killed In Action

"With deepest regret I have learned that no official determination has been made of the death of your son, Second Lieutenant Arleigh Forrest Hale, who has been missing in action since March 6, 1944, in the European Area," wrote Lt. Gen. Barney M. Giles, deputy commander, Army Air Forces, from the Office of the Commanding General in Washington, D. C., to Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Hale of 1615 Hayes street.

General Giles' letter to the bereaved parents continues: Lt. Hales's cadet record has been brought to my attention and I find that by persistent, serious offort he completed his training at Big Spring Army Air field in a commendable manner. A loyal officer and courageous bombardier, imbued with a keen sense of duty, he consistently brought credit to his group by his capable performance of each assigned task. We of the Army Air Forces feel that his passing is a distinct loss to our organization.

"Your son gave his life while he was fighting for his country's cherished ideals. I hope the memory of this will help to alleviate your sorrow, and I extend my heartiest sympathy to you and other members of the family in behalf of General H. H. Arnold, Commanding General, Army Air Forces, who is temporarily away from headquarters."

STIMSON WRITES

Another sympathetic letter from Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson to Mrs. Hale came recently with the Purple Heart Medal awarded posthumously to her son who sacrificed his life for his country.

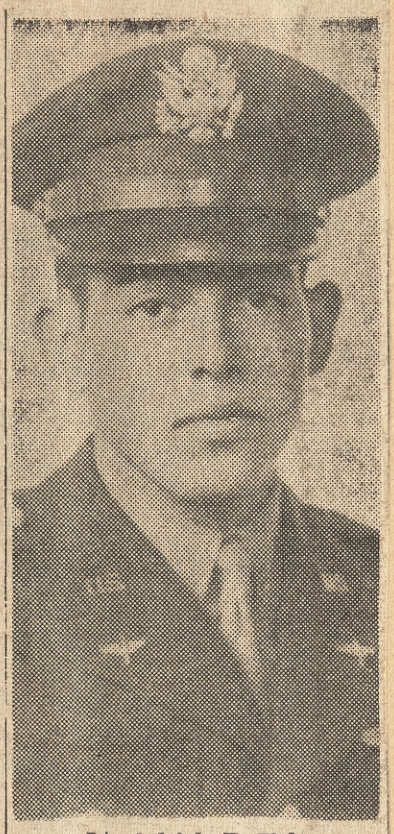
From Staff Sgt. Russell Brinkerhoff of Modesto, one of the crew members on the B-17 on which Lt. Hale was bombardier, has been received by Mrs. Hale, the letter relating the following incidents of March 6, 1944, when their ship and 67 other American bombers failed to return from a large-scale raid on Berlin.

CRASH LANDING FATAL

Sgt. Brinkerhoff's kindly letter to the Hales follows:

"It grieves me very deeply to have to tell you that he (Lt. Hale) was killed instantly when we were forced to make a crash-landing when returning from a mission to Berlin March 6, 1944 in which we also lost our radio operator. The rest of us were captured immediately by armed civilians and were taken away from the area of the ship, which exploded very shortly.

"We were attacked by fighters at altitude and the ship was crippled in such a manner that we were forced to leave the formation and attempted to return to England. The pilot gave the order



Lt. Arleigh F. Hale

to release the bombs, which your son did promptly and efficiently.

TREE TOP LEVEL

"In order to evade further fighter attack and artillery fire, the pilot brought the ship down to tree top level, which was the obvious thing to do. All was going well until, flying over the state of Oldenburg we were again attacked by fighter planes that had just take off from a nearby airfield.

They set us afire and we had to crash land, after we had shot down four German planes. We hit in a field close to the small town of Quackenbruch, near the Holland border. The remainder of the crew was soon captured. However, had we been free, we could not have helped as he (Lt. Hale) never knew what happened after the crash.

A FINE BOMBARDIER

"Lt. Hale was very much liked by all the crew even though we had known him only a short time and I can honestly say I never flew with a better bombardier."

A native of Eureka, Lt. Hale graduated from Eureka High school and was employed by the Bank of Eureka before he joined the army in January, 1943. Interested in sports, he played basketball and baseball was third baseman for the Eureka Merchants in the Redwood league. His brother, Sgt. Frank Hale is with the army air forces in Florida.

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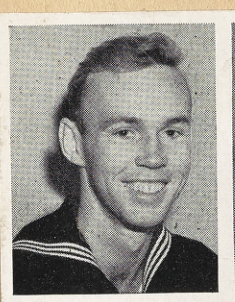
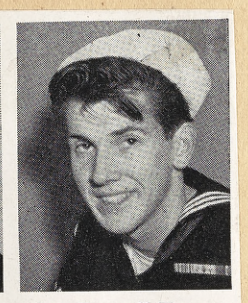


BM1c Wm. Madsen



S1c Darrell Turner

William Madsen, BM 1/c, visited his dad, William Madsen, Sr., one of our electricians. Bill, Jr. has served aboard the AFD-3 which was constructed in the Eureka yard and stated that it operated 100 per cent satisfactory. Another electrician to receive a visit from his son was Lyndon Turner. L, Darrell Turner, S 1/c, has served in 18 naval engagements.

July 1945

Eureka Private
Suffers Wound

Pfc. Elmer Parent

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Larson of 270 Hillsdale street have received word that their son, Pfc. Elmer Parent, had been wounded in action on Okinawa on May 29.

Pfc. Parent has been in the army since August, 1944, trained at Camp Hood, Texas, and at Fort Ord. He went overseas in February of this year and had been assigned to Company I, 184th Infantry. He carried a paper route for the Humboldt Standard four years and worked for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

His brother, Warrant Officer Clarence Parent, is enroute home now from Germany. Both are Eureka High graduates.

Thurs June 28-1945

Eureka Sergeant
To See World

S/Sgt. Ellwood Fritz

Now stationed in Strambino, Italy, after serving 17 months with General Mark Clark's forces, Staff Sgt. Ellwood E. Fritz of Eureka does not expect to return home very soon, according to word received here.

The sergeant's outfit is now in garrison with much improved living conditions, including real beds and customary army conveniences. He has visited Milan with its magnificent cathedral, Como, where Mussolini was killed, Rome and many other interesting places and possibly will volunteer for service in the China, Burma, India theater to "see more of the world even if he has to fight his way around."

His wife and baby live in Eureka and his brother, T/Sgt. Nolan H. Fritz is home on furlough after duty in Italy and will report to Santa Ana Air base for reassignment.

Sat June 30-1945

Harris Sandusky
Wins Discharge

Harris Sandusky

Recovered from wounds received at Leyte, Harris Sandusky, formerly private first class, has received a medical discharge from Army duty and has returned to Eureka, the first of the National Guard unit which left here in March, 1941, to return home. He also has 112 discharge points for his service record. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Sandusky of 2539 N street.

Sandusky with others of the 184th Reg., National Guard, left here under the command of Wm. Walker, now Lt. Col. Walker at present on Okinawa. A number of the men remained together under Walker's command and the 184th regiment was incorporated into the Seventh Division at Ford Ord in 1942.

The unit first sailed for duty in July, 1943 when they went to Kiska, in the Aleutians. Later, after some time in the Hawaiian Islands they were in combat at Kwajalein and again at Leyte, in the Philippine Islands. Sandusky was injured at Leyte and has since received hospitalization at Colorado Springs, Colo. He wears campaign ribbons of the Aleutians, Philippine Islands, Central Pacific and Asiatic Pacific theaters of war, the good conduct medal, combat infantryman's badge, purple heart and three bronze battle stars.

The 184th Regiment has been in combat with the Seventh Division on Okinawa since April 1, and others in the group are now eligible to return under the point system.

Sat June 30-1945

William G. Chesnut
At Santa Ana

Lt. William Chesnut

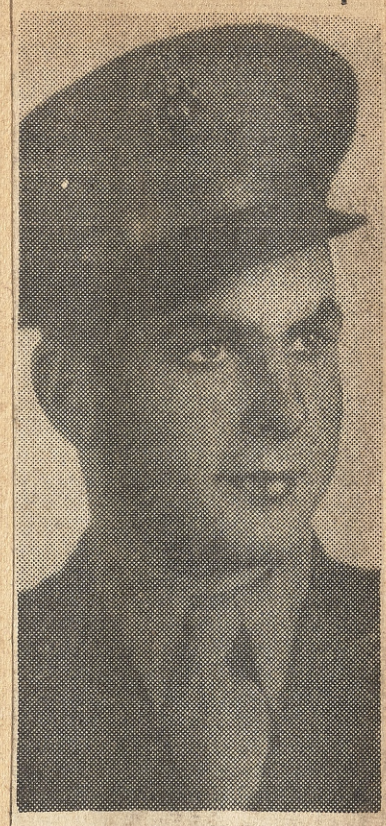
SANTA ANA, (Calif.) June 30. Following service in the European theaer of operations, First Lt. William G. Chesnut, 20, is currently assigned to the Santa Ana Army Air Base redistribution station No. 4. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Fraser Chesnut of Eureka.

Lt. Chesnut, a B-17 navigator with the 8th Air Force in the European theater, entered the service February, 1943, and went overseas in November 1944. He has been awarded the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, and the European theater ribbon with one battle star.

Lt. Chesnut took part in more than 30 Eighth Air Force heavy bombardment missions over Nazi Germany. He participated in assaults aimed at Berlin, Munich, Cologne, Kassel, Hamburg, Hanover and Dresden.

Sat June 30-1945

Returns To Camp



Pfc. Gene F. Foster

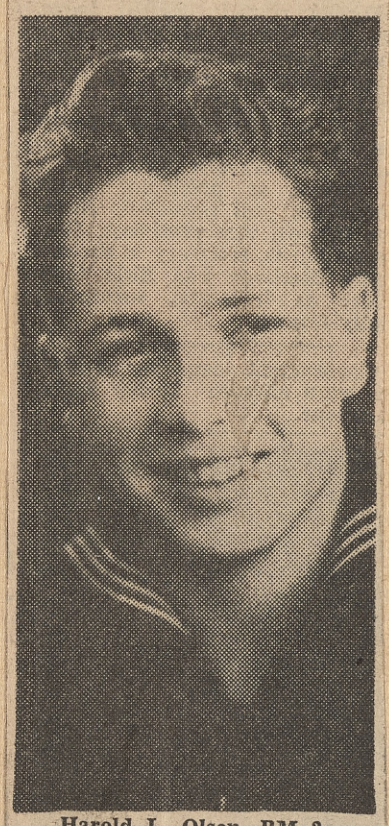
Pfc. Gene Francis Foster of the Marine Corps has returned to San Diego for reassignment after spending a 30-day leave with his mother, Mrs. Minnie Foster of Freshwater, and other relatives in the county.

Pfc. Foster enlisted in the Marine Corps in February, 1943, and after training at San Diego went overseas, serving 24 months at Pearl Harbor, Palmyra Island, Majuro, Mani and Guam.

The Marine has two brothers in the service, Herbert Foster in the Navy, now on Okinawa, and Allen Foster in the Army, serving in Germany.

Mon July 2-1945

Many Engagements
Veteran Now Home



Harold L. Olsen, RM 2c

Having been through almost every campaign from Guadalcanal to Okinawa during his 30 months at sea on a destroyer, Harold L. Olsen, radioman second class, is home to visit his mother, Mrs. Carlo Klit of 3544 Spring street. He enlisted in the navy in July, 1942.

Radioman Olsen wears the Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine Liberation and American Theatre ribbons and six Battle Stars. He will report back to his ship July 9.

A graduate of Eureka High school, Olsen attended college in Los Angeles before enlisting.

Thurs June 28-1945

Machinist Mate
3 Years Service

James McKenna, MMM 2C

Back from three years service in the European Theatre of Operations, James A. McKenna, motor machinist mate 2C, Navy, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. McKenna of 1703 West Avenue. He will report July 9 in New York for duty in the Pacific area.

In the Navy three years, McKenna left here June 17, 1942 and returned home June 17, 1945. He participated in four major beachhead landings . . . in Africa, Sicily, Solerno and Normandy.

A graduate of Eureka High school, the naval veteran had been employed by the Holmes-Eureka Lumber Company before enlisting.

McKenna has a brother, Pfc. Russell McKenna with the 8th Air Force in England, a sister, Mrs. Carl Anderson in Eureka, and his uncle, T-Sgt. Francis A. Lapham, is with the Army of Occupation in northern Italy.

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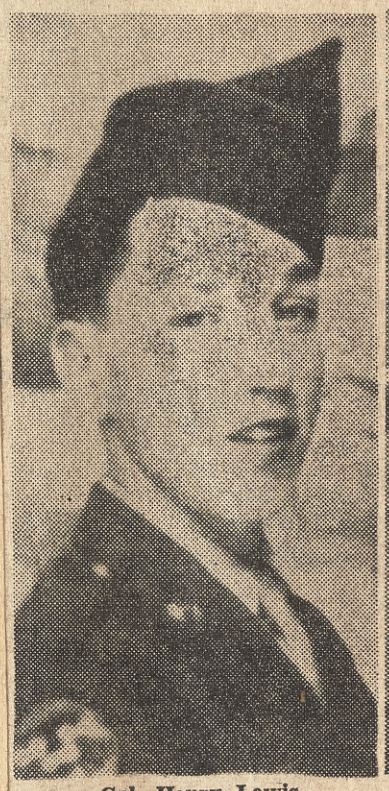
Pfc. Frank Lewis Reported Lost



Cpl. Henry Lewis

Pfc. Frank Lewis

FERNDALE, July 3.-Pfc. Frank Lewis, a Jap prisoner since 1942 when he was captured at Bataan and on the prisoner of war ship sunk in October of last year off the China coast, is presumably lost, according to a War Department message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lewis.

His brother, Cpl. Henry Lewis, is serving with an armored battalion and is now stationed in Germany.

Through the Red Cross, parents of Pfc. Lewis had received three cards from him since last January, the last one arriving here May 25, which led them to believe he was safe.

Frank Lewis, 24 years old, was born in Arcata and lived there until the family moved to Port Kenyon in 1939. He enlisted in April, 1941, and went to the Philippines in October of that year.

Other surviving relatives are his brothers, Joseph Lewis, Jr., of Arcata and Albert Lewis of Port Kenyon.

Requiem high mass will be conducted for the war hero Thursday morning at 9 o'clock in the Church of the Assumption, Ferndale.

Tues July 3-1945

Shipfitter Here

Visiting Parents

Herbert Mitchell, SF 3C

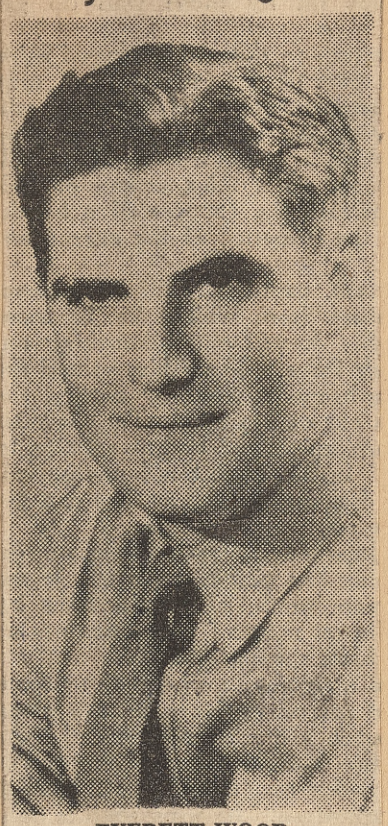
SCOTIA, July 2.-Home on leave from shore duty in England, Scotland and France, Herbert Eugene Mitchell, shipfitter third class, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mitchell of Scotia. He will report July 19 at Camp Shoemaker for reassignment.

In the Navy since November, 1942, Mitchell trained at Farragut, Idaho, and San Diego before going overseas in March of last year. He entered France through Normandy just two days after D-Day. Before enlisting he attended Fortuna High school and was employed in Eureka by the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company.

His two brothers are in the Army and Navy, Pvt. William H. Mitchell at Fort Ord and Bruce Mitchell, an apprentice at Mare Island naval school.

Mon. July 2-1945

Everett Wood Gets Army Discharge



EVERETT WOOD

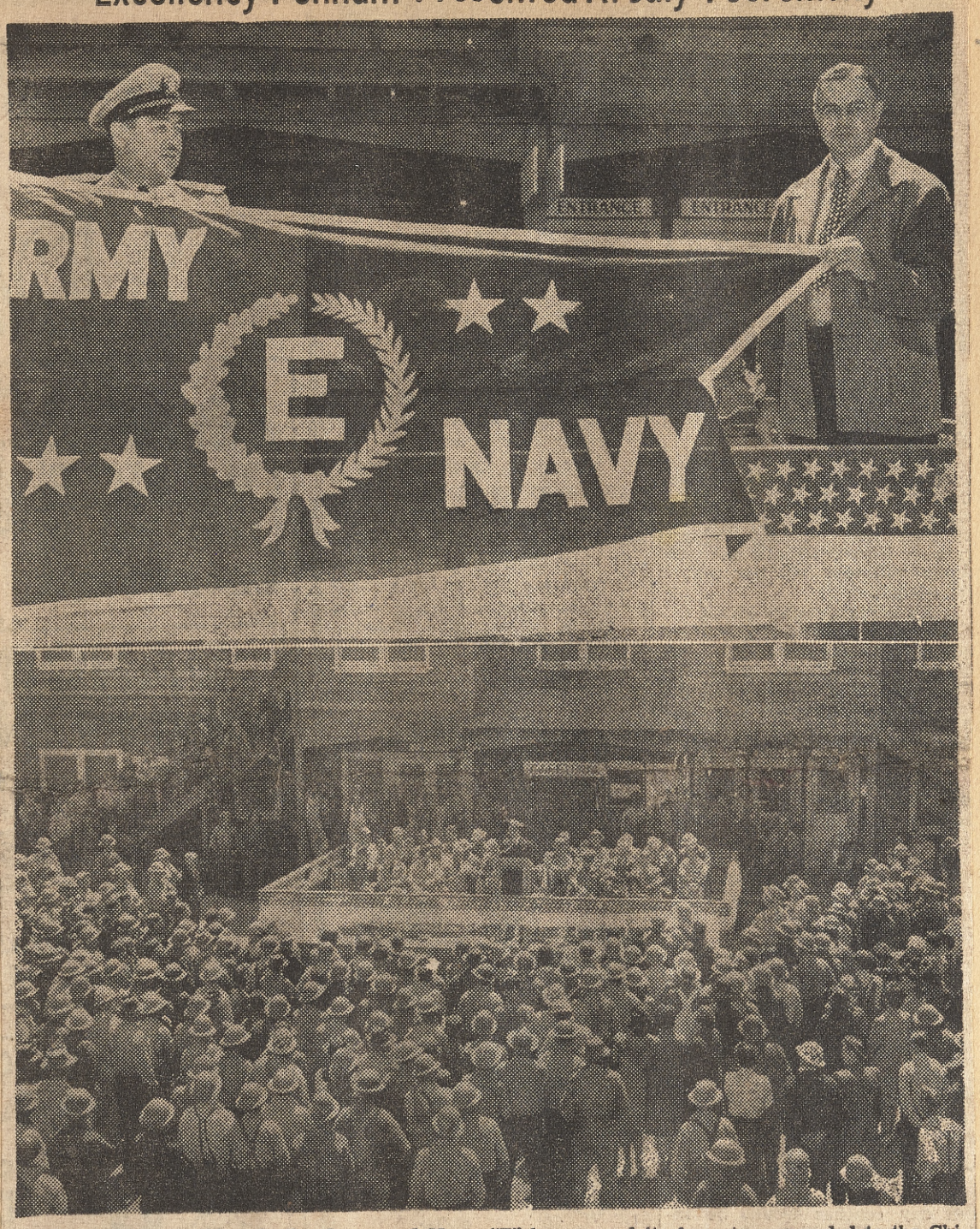
WEOTT, July 4. - Formerly a staff sergeant, Everett Wood has been released from Army service after more than three years overseas and is living with his wife in Weott where he is employed. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wood of Gaarberville. The veteran serviceman had 99 service points.

In April, 1942, Wood was sent to Australia and served in New Guinea, Biak, Mindoro, Palawan, and Zamboango campaigns. He wore the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with two Stars, Good Conduct ribbon, Philippine Liberation ribbon with one Star, American Defense ribbon, Combat Infantry badge and a unit citation.

The ex-serviceman graduated in 1939 from South Fork High school where he was an outstanding athlete, was married in October, 1941, to Elaine Johnson of Weott. His brother, Kenneth Wood, is in the Army.

Wed July 4-1945

Excellency Pennant Presented At July 4 Ceremony



Pictured here, at top, is the Army and Navy "E" banner and its four stars, awarded to the Chicago Bridge and Iron company for excellent performance in war work. Donald E. Larson, resident manager of the plant, is shown receiving the award from Lieutenant C. F. Replogle, of the Navy.

In the picture below is the ceremonial scene at the plant on July Fourth, when the fourth star, representing the fifth "E" award, was presented by Lieutenant Replogle and accepted by Larson, with workers who helped to earn the award gathered at the grandstand.

Fri July 6-1945

Veteran Gunner

On Liberator

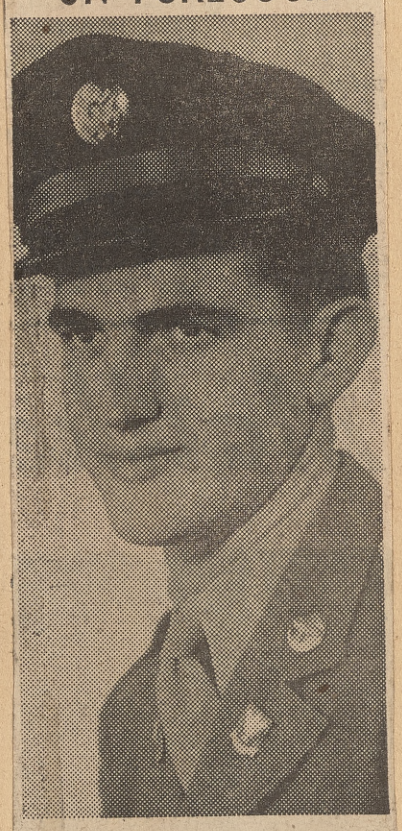
T/Sgt. Lyle Harrison

ARCATA, July 5. - Technical Sgt. Lyle A. Harrison, 22, with 30 missions to his credit as a B-24 gunner in the 8th Air Force, is now at the AAF 'Redistribution Station 4 at Santa Ana Army Air Base.

In the AAF since February, 1943, Harrison went overseas a year ago, has earned the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters and the European Theater ribbon with two Battle Stars. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Harrison of Arcata.

Thurs July 5-1945

ON FURLOUGH



SGT. DAVID MITCHELL

Sgt. David Mitchell of the Army Air Forces is home on a 30-day furlough visiting his wife, Elsie, 2839 D street. The sergeant has recently returned from a year of overseas duty in the Italian war theater where he was serving with the 15th AAF radar unit.

At the end of his furlough, Mitchell will report to Santa Monica for redistribution.

Thurs July 5-1945

Eurekans Serve In Hawaii Post Office

William Lambert, MM 3c

Wilma Aubuchon, MM3c

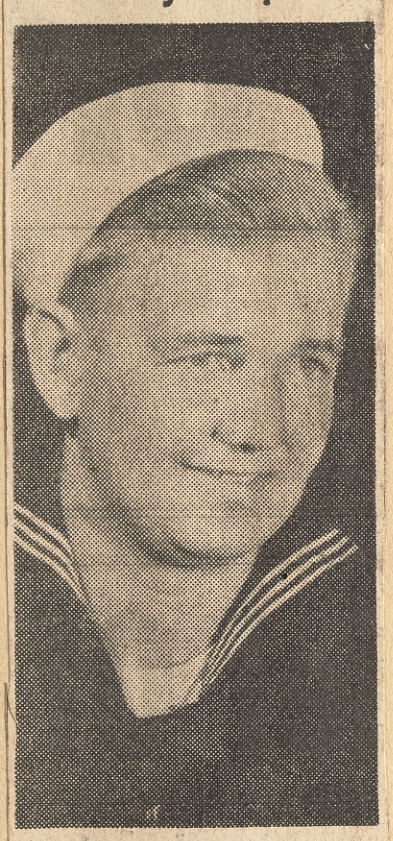
The two Humboldters, pictured here, are serving in the Fleet Post Office at Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Islands, where more than one million letters to and from fighting men in the Pacific area are handled daily. They are William H. Lambert, mailman third class, and Mrs. Clifford (Wilma Wrigley) Aubuchon, mailman third class, WAVES.

Lambert whose wife lives at 2014 I street, is a member of the registry section and has been at that activity six months. He was employed for 10 years in the Eureka Post Office before entering the Navy in April, 1944, is a former Humboldt State college student.

Mrs. Aubuchon, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wrigley of Elk River, is in the air mail section. Her husband, Clifford E. Aubuchon, AAM 2c, is in San Diego. Before enlisting in the WAVES in January, 1944, she was employed at the ordanance office, San Francisco Port of Embarkation.

Sat July 7-1945

In Navy Hospital



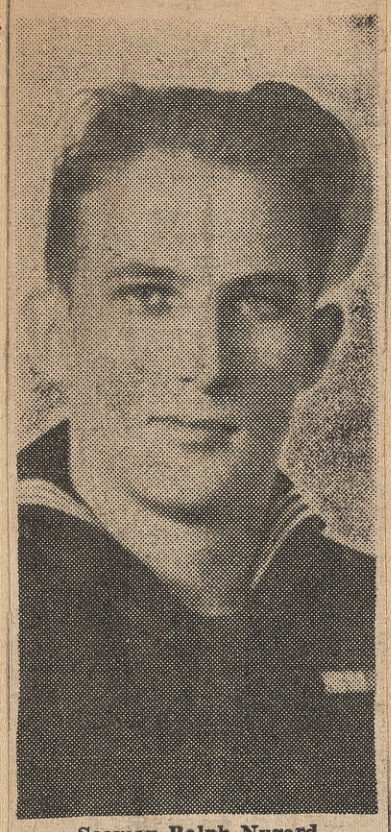
Aubrey Eichhorn, BM 1 c

After serving with an aircraft carrier force, Aubrey J. Eichhorn, boatswains mate first class, is receiving plastic surgery in a naval hospital.

Eichhorn formerly worked for the Pacific Lumber company and was a commercial fisherman before enlisting in the Navy three years ago.

Mon July 9-1945

Home With Bride



Seaman Ralph Nygard

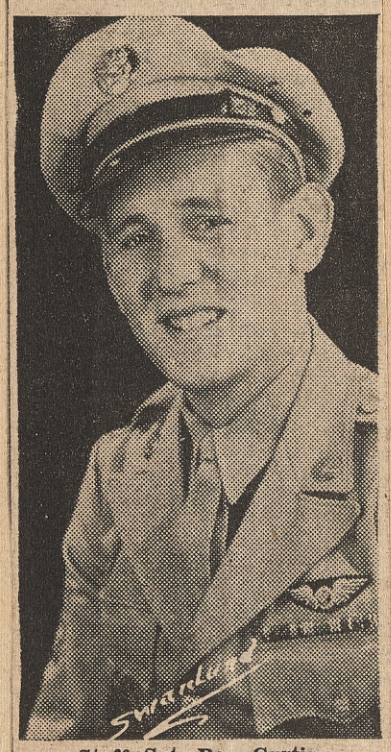
Seaman 1c Ralph M. Nygard, home from overseas duty in the Pacific and Philippine areas, accompanied by his bride whom he recently married in Sebastopol, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Nygard of 2933 H street, and his brother, Selvin E. Nygard of Eureka.

The seaman graduated from Eureka High school in 1941 and was employed here in the Bank of Eureka before going to Sebastopol to take a position in the Bank of America. He enlisted in July, 1942, and went overseas in November of that year.

Nygard and his bride were feted at a family dinner Thursday evening at Angelina Inn.

Sat. July 7-1945

ON FURLOUGH



Staff Sgt. Ben Curtiss

A veteran tail gunner on a B-17 with the 15th Air Force in Italy for eight months, wearing the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and with 35 completed missions to his credit, Staff Sgt. Ben Curtiss is here on furlough to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Curtiss of 1031 D street. His bombing missions were over Germany and Austria.

Curtiss graduated in 1943 from the Ferndale High school, was employed here by the Chicago Bridge and Iron company, received his gunners wings at Las Vegas, Nevada, in December, 1943.

The flier will report in 10 days at Santa Ana for reassignment.

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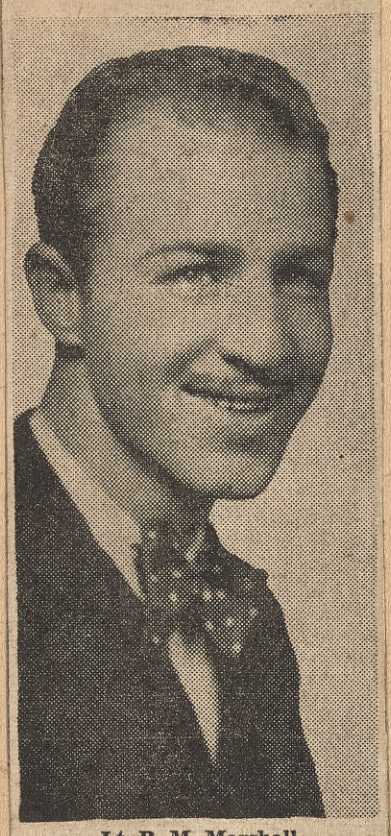
Eurekan Honored

Wins Air Medal



Lt. B. M. Marshall

The pride and gratification expressed by General George C. Kenney, commander, Allied Air Forces in the Southwest Pacific, is shared by Dr. B. M. Marshall, whose son, Lt. B. M. Marshall, and his courageous service were topics of a letter recently received from the general by the local physician and surgeon.

Lt. Marshall has recently received the Air Medal for courageous flying service. He was born here, attended local schools before going to college and entering the Army Air Forces.

General Kenney's letter to the medico follows:

Dear Dr. Marshall: Recently your son, Lt. Benjamin M. Marshall, Jr., was decorated with the Air Medal. It was an award made in recognition of courageous service to his combat organization, his fellow American airmen, his county, his home and to you.

"He was cited for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific area from July 19, 1944, to April 18, 1945.

"Your son took part in sustained operational flight missions during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These flights included bombing missions against enemy installations, shipping and supply bases, and aided considerably in the recent successes in this theater.

"Almost every hour of every day, your son, and the sons of other American fathers, are doing just such things as that here in the Southwest Pacific. Theirs is a very real and tangible contribution to victory and to peace.

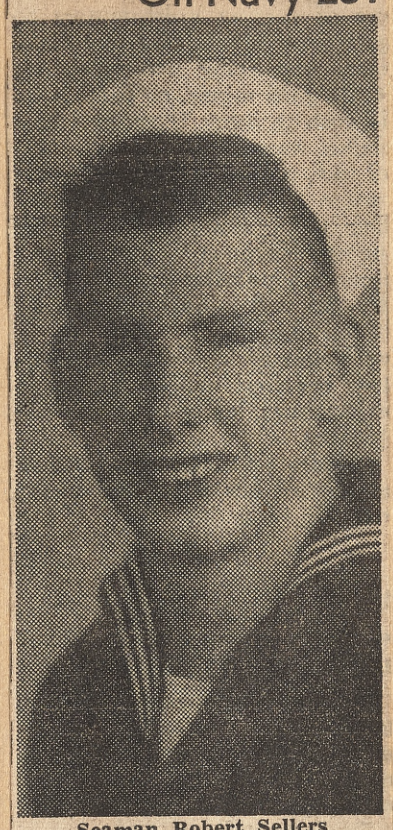
"I would like to tell you how genuinely proud I am to have men such as your son in my command, and how gratified to know that young Americans with such courage and resourcefulness are fighting our country's battle against the aggressor nations.

"You, Dr. Marshall, have every reason to share that pride and gratification.

Mon July 9-1945

Killed In Action

On Navy LST



Seaman Robert Sellers

Seaman 1c Robert James Sellers of Eureka, missing in action with an LST division in the South Pacific since last Christmas Day, has been found dead, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Ruth M. Sellers of 803 California street.

The 19-year-old youth graduated from Eureka High school where he was active in sports, a member of Boy Scouts and the YMCA. Before enlisting in October, 1943, he had worked here for the Chicago Bridge and Iron company.

Surviving are his mother; brothers and sister, Ted Sellers of Eureka; Norman Sellers in the Navy, Mrs. Katherine Luster; grandmother, Mrs. Kate Paul; uncles, Harold Paul of Pine Hill, Bert Paul of Boonville, A. F. Paul in Oregon, William Paul of Garberville.

He also leaves the following nieces and nephews: Sandra Lee, Joanna and Dennis Sellers and Larry Luster.

Sat July 7-1945

Gets Purple Heart

PVT. CHARLES F. HAMES

Private Charles F. Hames, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hames of Arcata, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received on the Ryuku Islands on June 10, according to word received here. The medal has been sent to his wife, the former Thelma Genzoli, at Blue Lake.

Private Hames is expected to be released from the hospital this week, and will return to service. He has been in the Marines for about 15 months.

Thurs July 19-1945

Returns Home

From Overseas

Robert Vojtek

His 128 points entitling him to an honorable discharge from Army duty, Robert Vojtk of Eureka, a technical sergeant with the 30th Infantry, has returned from the European theater of Operations after 32 months overseas service.

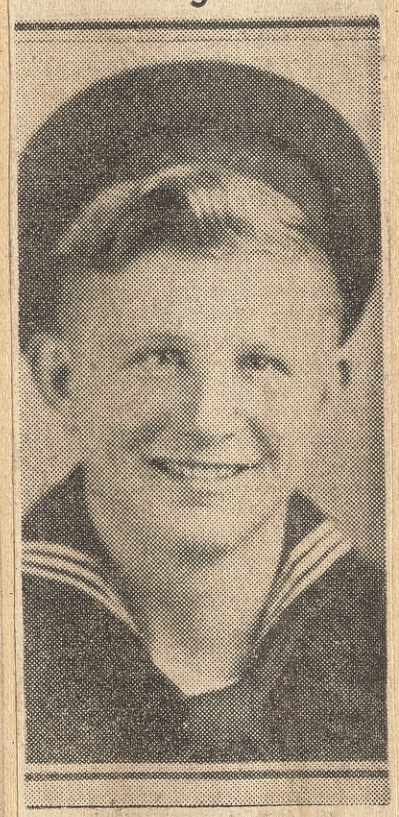
In the Army since January, 1941, he trained at the San Francisco Presido and began overseas duty the next year, landing in Africa in November, 1942. His service included action in Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Austria.

Wounded when crossing the Rhine river in Germany, he was hospitalized two weeks after which he returned to duty. Vojtek, a native of Czechoslavakia, was naturalized in 1940. He holds the Purple Heart and Good Conduct Medals, wears eight Battle Stars, and has received the French Croix de Guerre.

Parents of the Army veteran are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vojtek who live at Sequoia park.

Tues July 10-1945

Visiting Home



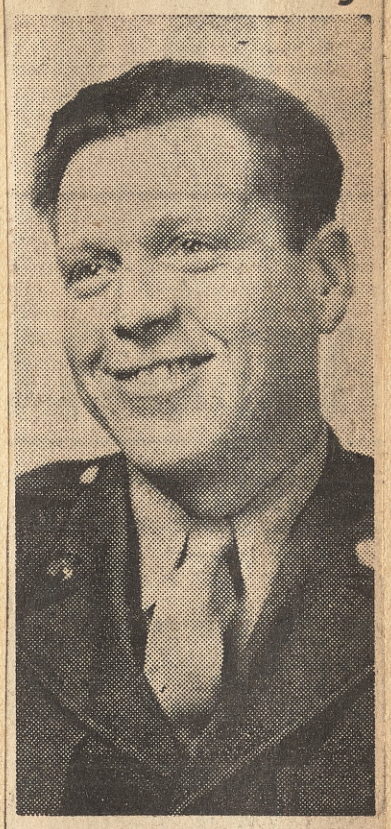
RICHARD FRANK CHASE

Richard Frank Chase, PM2c, has returned from 19 months duty in Bougainville and the Admiralty Islands and is spending a 30-day leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chase, 2109 Albee street.

Mon July 16-1945

European Veteran

Home On Furlough



Cpl. Jack A. Walker

Home from the European Theatre of Operations, Corporal Jack A. Walker is on furlough here until August 9 when he will report at Camp Beale for reassignment.

Walker was in England with the Eighth Air Force ground crew for 19 months and had been in the Army Air Force since 1942. He is a Eureka High graduate and was employed here by the Kausen Motor company when he was a civilian.

The corporal is visiting with his mother, Mrs. William Bowie of 1515 Dean street, his sister, Norine Fowler, and aunt, Mrs. Georgia Restoule of Eureka.

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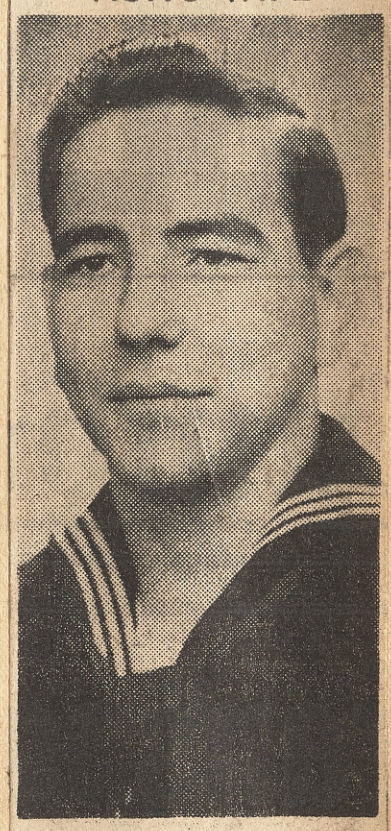
VISITS WIFE



Lee Coyle, SC 1c

Having been for 14 months on duty in the Central and South Pacific, Lee Coyle, ships cook first class, is home for a week's leave to see his wife, Lida, at their home 506 A street.

Coyle enlisted in the Coast Guard in July, 1942, and was stationed 21 months at the Beach Patrol, Samoa, before going on sea duty on a transport. He will report July 14 in San Francisco for continued duty aboard his ship.

The petty officer wears two Battle Stars for the Okinawa and Palau campaigns and has been to many other American bases in the Pacific. George Pacheco of Samoa is also serving aboard the same transport. Coyle's relatives live at Springfield, Missouri.

Wed July 11-1945

Here's Eyewitness Story Of Great Raid On Japan

The following eyewitness dispatch of the new carrier attack on Tokyo was written by Richard W. Johnston, United Press War correspondent, aboard one of Admiral William F. Halsey's ships standing off the Japanese coast.

By RICHARD W. JOHNSTON
United Press War Correspondent

WITH ADMIRAL HALSEY'S THIRD FLEET OFF TOKYO, July 10—(U.P.)—Bull Halsey caught the Japanese flat-footed again.

It was a perfect summer day until the mightiest naval striking force in history emerged from the sunlit seas at the gates of Tokyo—undetected and unsuspected—to spoil it for the Japanese.

Admiral William F. Halsey sent in a thousand planes to give the Japanese a taste of hell.

I have been watching from the bridge of this ship the swift Corsairs and Hellcats returning to their carriers from their early sweeps.

SHOPPING DISTANCE

They had been cruising almost within shopping distance of the Ginza, Tokyo's Fifth Avenue. They reported a sharp wind, but no airborne opposition and only the lightest flak.

The targets for today are the airfields surrounding metropolitan Tokyo—a belt of more than 70 airdromes ranged over 2,000 miles of the Japanese capital's encircing plane.

The Japanese were caught again with their planes down, as in last February's carrier raid.

Last night as we steamed toward the target the chaplain of this mighty battleship prayed for good weather. His prayer has been heeded.

Planes are strafing airstrips, destroying enemy aircraft and looking for the Japanese in the air. So far they have not found the latter.

HALSEY'S RETURN

Halsey's return to the 'empire" actually marks his first real assault on Honshu since 1942 when he sent Jimmy Doolittle's fliers soaring over the Jap capital from the decks of the old Hornet.

Halsey has left his calling cards over Kyushu in the past months but this time he is writing his name in boldpoint type.

Carrier forces are under the command of Vice Adm. John S. McCain who formed a team with Halsey on last fall's famous Philippines sweeps.

The Japs have known the whereabouts of the Third Fleet but patently did not expect Halsey to come up from the sea where he did today.

(Radio Tokyo has just broadcast, "Five hundred enemy carrier planes attacked the Kanto district in three waves. Flak and fighter opposition already have scored sizeable results". That isn't the way we heard it. A new group of McCain's planes are taking off now to correct the error.)

The bull has come back—and the emperor had better lock his stable door before that famous white horse is stolen.

HOW RUN STARTED

We started our run toward Tokyo last night from a point in the Pacific the Japanese would love to have identified. Swift and silent as the starlit night this gigantic force swept down on Japan's heartland at 30 knots.

In the cool dawn hundreds of fighters and bombers roared away from the decks of such famous carriers as the Lexington, Essex, Independence and many more like them.

The early sweeps rode down cloudless airlanes into Tokyo on the first rays of the rising sun, and saw the ruins left by the B-29s In the last carrier pilot trip, Feb. 25, Tokyo still looked like a city.

ONLY ONE ALERT

We have had only one alert, caused by a bogey who proved to be friendly. But if the Japanese come, they will encounter a fearsome barrage from the mighty Iowan, South Dakota, Indiana, Massachusetts and many a smaller ship, with gunners itching to fire after weeks of intensive practice.

It is a c cliche to say this battle force stretches from horizon to horizon, but it is literally true. Moving over the choppy, dark blue waves in precise formation, these forces might be summer maneuvers off California.

"It's that kind of a day—but quite another kind for the enemy.

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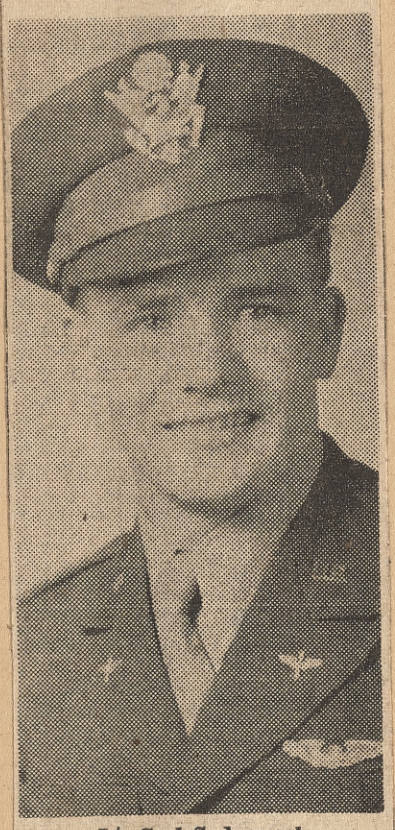
Former Eurekan
Killed In Action



Lt. Carl Sodermark

First Lt. Carl Sodermark, 21, who lived here when a boy with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Sodermark now living in Chicago, was killed over Germany April 1 of this year.

Lt. Sodermark piloted a Mustang reconnaisance plane and had completed more than 60 missions and expected to come home soon to visit his parents and relatives in Eureka.

The pilot was near Shonau, Germany, when he radioed he was about to bail out when his ship was hit. No further word was heard and the War Department has officially registered his death.

The young airman attended Chicago schools and Wright Junior college, had worked as a machinist before enlisting in the Army Air Force in 1943. He had been more than a year overseas.

His brother, Lt. Arnold Sodermark, has returned from overseas and is a flight instructor in Louisiana. Humboldt relatives of the lieutenants are their aunt, Mrs. Martin Johnson of 2551 Williams street, cousins, Frank Olofson of Samoa and John Olafson of Eureka.

Wed July 11-1945

Battlefield Officer
Home On Visit

LT. FRED McDONALD

Wounded in the battle for Okinawa on April 7 of this year and commissioned a lieutenant on the field, Lt. Fred R. McDonald is visiting in Eureka while on convalescent leave from General DeWitt hospital. Accompanying him are his wife, Eleanor, and son, Fred, Jr., who live at Palto Alto.

Lt. McDonald left Eureka in March, 1941, with the National Guard, holding the rank of first sergeant. He trained at San Luis Obispo served with the guard on coastal defense in California. Attached to the 7th Infantry Division, he went to Fort Ord for amphibious training before going overseas in July, 1943.

Following service in the Aleutians, McDonald was sent to Hawaii for jungle training, then for service on the Marshall Islands, back to Hawaii for advanced training and on to the Philippines and from there to Okinawa. After seven days of fighting he was wounded in the left arm. He will report back to the hospital July 23, must undergo another arm operation and after 90 days expects to be able to return to duty for the final phases of the war.

He wears Battle Stars for campaigns in the Aleutians, Marshall Islands, the Philippines and Ryukyus, the Bronze Star and Combat Infantry Medal. He was commissioned on the Philippines on March 14 of this year.

A graduate of Eureka High school, the officer had been employed here at the Andrew Williams store and as a driver for the Troy Laundry. When a youth he was a newspaper boy for the Humboldt Standard. His mother, Mrs. Florence McDonald, and sister, Mrs. William Moody, live in San Francisco.

Fri July 13-1945

Visiting Home

Pfc. Clifford Kelly

Pfc. Clifford Kelly of Eureka is home after two years in the ETO where he served in the infantry under the command of General George Patton and General W. H. Simpson through France, Belgium and Germany. He wears the Infantry Combat badge and three Battle Stars.

After a 30-day furlough he will report for additional training before going overseas for duty in the Pacific area.

The soldier is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Michaels and sister, Jean Michaels, of 2720 M street. He is a brother of Pvt. Alvin Kelly on duty in Texas and Shirley Michaels, a cadet nurse at the French hospital in San Francisco.

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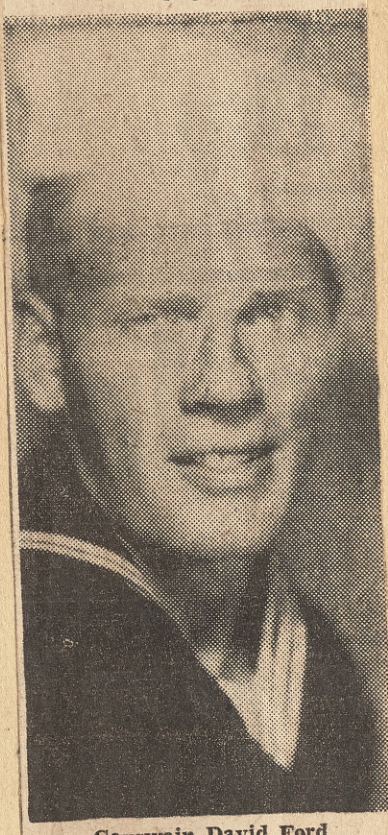
Reassignment
For Eurekan



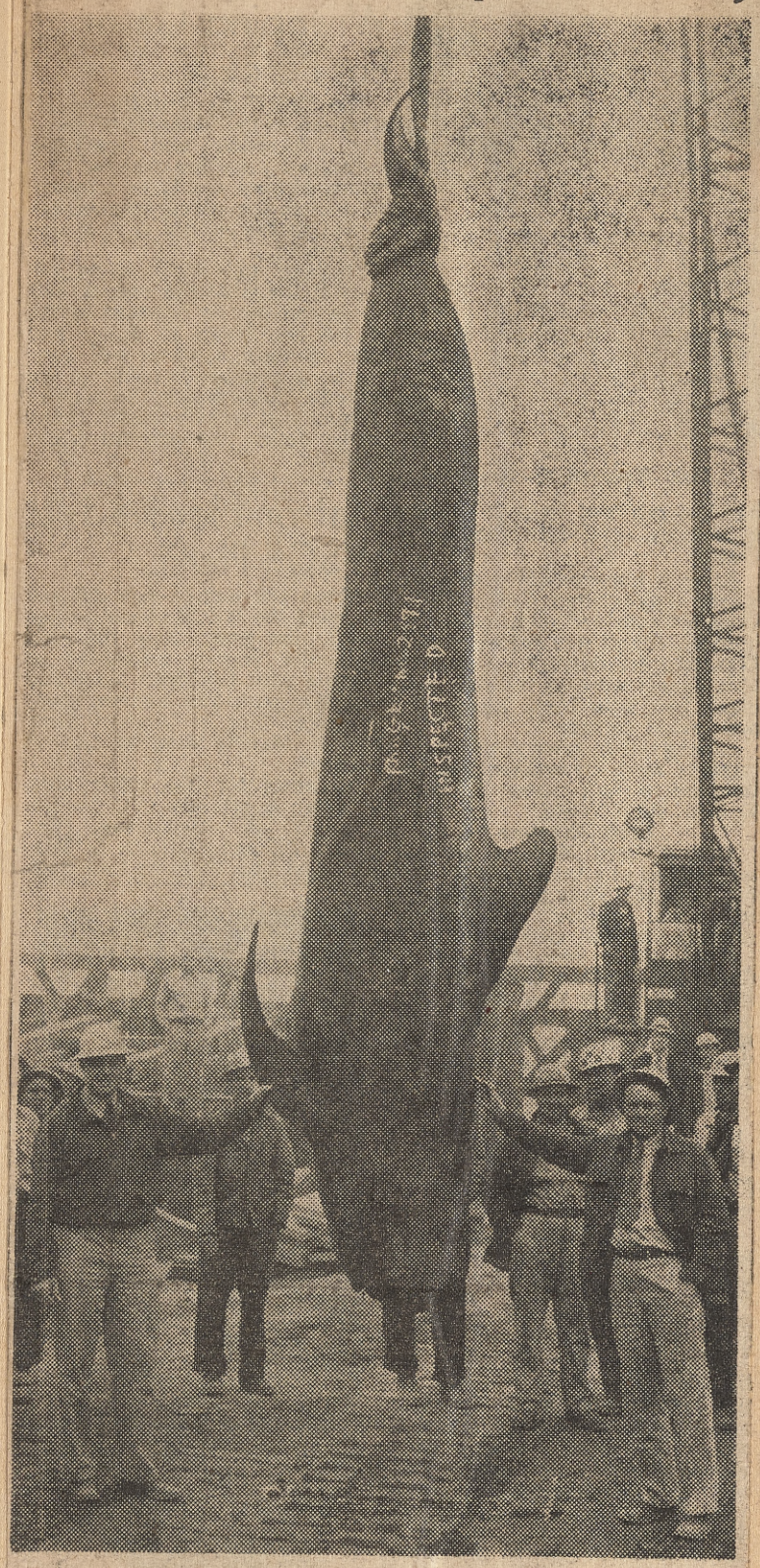
Coxswain David Ford

Coxswain David Ford, who enlisted in the Navy in May, 1944, and trained at San Diego before going to Hawaii for service with the Seabees, has gone to Camp Parks for reassignment after a 30-day leave at home.

Coxswain Ford spent his leave here with his wife, Lyle, and their children, Dennis and Darlene, of 1604 S street. He formerly was employed as a woodsman and by Lewis Hess.

Fri July 13-1945

Whale Fails In Squeeze Play



This is the tale of the whale who tried a squeeze play under the ways of the Chicago Bridge and Iron company Monday night and squeezed himself to death.

The inquisitive mammal swam into one of the construction berths at the local yard around midnight Monday and was unable to get out (not being able to cinch in his whale-bones) Guard Oscar Peterson said, the wailing of the whale scared the daylights out of him.

The meandering mammal, which is 16 feet long and estimated to weigh two tons, was so firmly wedged in between the piling it was necessary to pull him out with a large crawler crane.

Upon being released from his girdle of piling, the whale was found to be dead having pulled his last squeeze play.

Standing beside the 16 foot mammal in the picture are Don Larson (left), resident manager of the plant, and Lee Bugg.

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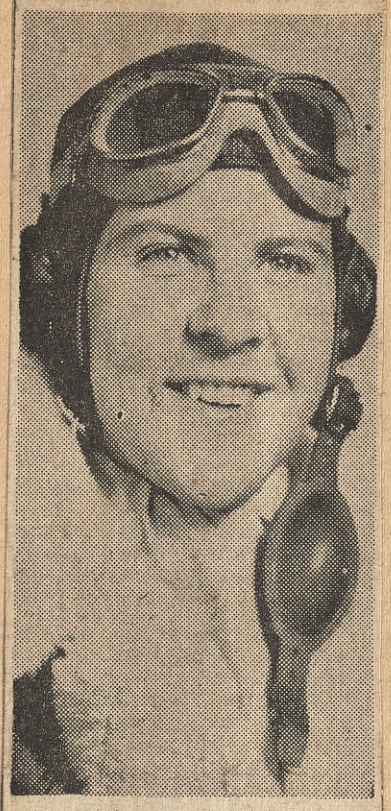
Naval Air Cadet



Ensign Charles Sweet

Ensign Charles Phillip Sweet of Eureka has successfully completed naval air primary training at Ottawa, Iowa, and has been transferred to the Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi, Texas, for intermediate training. When he successfully completes this course he will be designated a naval aviator.

Ensign Sweet was commissioned in March of this year after the navy's midshipmen's training at Notre Dame, Indiana.

He is a graduate of Eureka High school, attended Humboldt State college two years before enlisting in the Naval Reserve. He worked here a year and a half with the Engineering Department, Division of Highways. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Sweet of 2221 Harrison street and his father is an engineer with the Highway Department here.

Fri July 13-1945

Eurekan Honored

Gets Bronze Star

S Sgt. Hugh E. Kelly

Staff Sergeant Hugh E. Kelly of the 14th Armored Infantry Division has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement near Bernstein France, on January 1, 1945.

When his platoon was cut off by the enemy drive. Kelly quickly organized his men into small groups facilitating their return to Allied lines by infiltration. Through the sergeant's able leadership and quick decisive action, the men were enabled to withdraw with a minimum of losses.

Kelly who entered the armed forces in 1943, has been on overseas duty for a year and a half.

He is a son of County Engineer Frank Kelly and Mrs. Kelly of Eureka.

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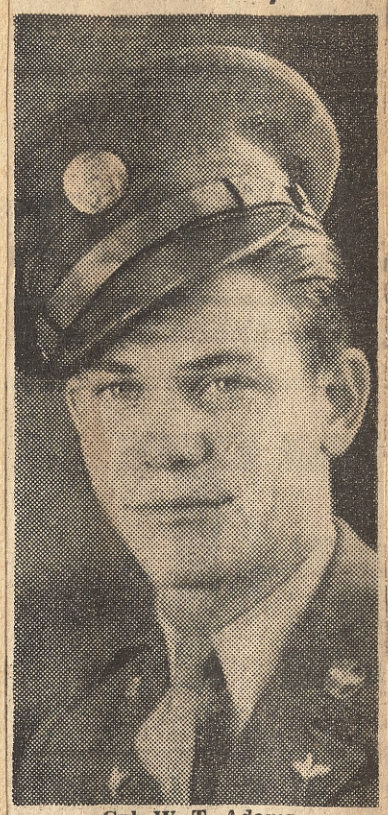
Funeral Here

For Army Man



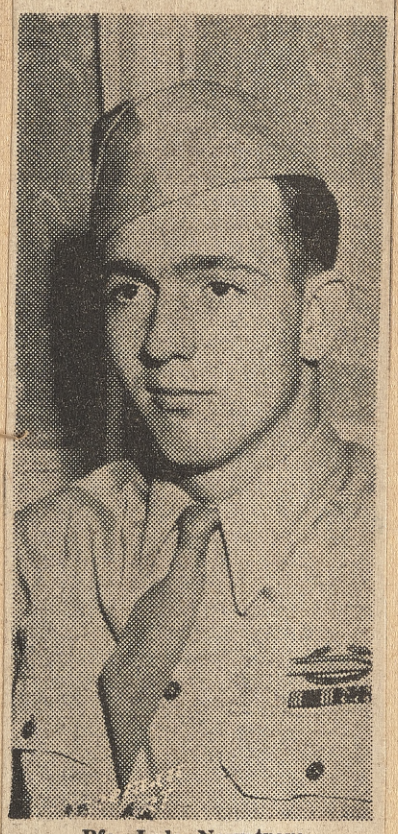
Cpl. W. T. Adams

ARCATA, July 17. - Rosary for Corporal W. T. Adams, member of the AAF who was killed in an automobile accident in Gulfport, Mississippi July 12, will be held tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in Chapel of the Redwoods. Following military rites at the chapel at 9:45 o'clock Thursday morning requiem mass will be recited by Rev. Andrew Tynan at St. Mary's Catholic church at 10 o'clock. Burial will be at St. Mary's cemetery.

Adams is survived by his wife Irene and son, William, of Arcata; father, W. Claude Adams of Columbia, South Carolina; sisters, Mrs. Pat Livingston, Mrs. Ralph Waldrop of South Carolina; aunts, Mrs. H. E. Adams and Mrs. C. L. Adams of Georgia.

Tues July 17-1945

From Overseas



Pfc. Lyle Newstrom

Just back from the European battlefront, Pfc. Lyle Newstrom is spending a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Newstrom, 2100 Fourteenth street, before leaving for duty in the Pacific.

Pvt. Newstrom entered the Army in April, 1944, and he has been overseas since January, 1945. He was with the famous Blackhawk division in Germany. Since arriving here on furlough he has been married to Miss Betty Browning.

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On Furlough

Pfc. Fred Costa

On 30-day furlough from the Medical Corps, Pfc. Fred Costa has arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Costa of Blue Lake.

Pfc. Costa has been in service for two and a half years and was in action in Germany, France and other European countries. He expects to be ordered soon to the Pacific area. He has three brothers in the service.

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Home One Week

With Parents

BM 2/C WILLIAM ANTICH

William Antich recently spent a week at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Antich of 921 B street.

Antich, who is a boatswain's mate second class in the Navy, is stationed in St. Louis, Mo. He is a brother of Mrs. Walter Valentine, Mrs. Richard Hindley and Anthony Antich.

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Wins Promotion

S/SGT. C. S. ALLEN

Charley "Chet" Allen who is serving with an army anti-aircraft unit in the South Pacific area has recently been promoted to a First Staff Sergeant according to word received here yesterday.

Allen who was inducted into the army in January, 1943, received his promotion to staff sergeant enroute overseas in March, 1944. The veteran wears two battle stars with the most recent being awarded to him for his participation in the invasion of Morotai.

Chet who is well remembered by local sports fans and was once a member of the Redwood Baseball League has continued his athletic career in the Army and plays on both the baseball and basketball teams of his division. He worked for the Hammond Lumber Company before joining the armed forces.

The Sergeant is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Allen, 614 M street, and the husband of Claire Allen, 2121 O street, Eureka.

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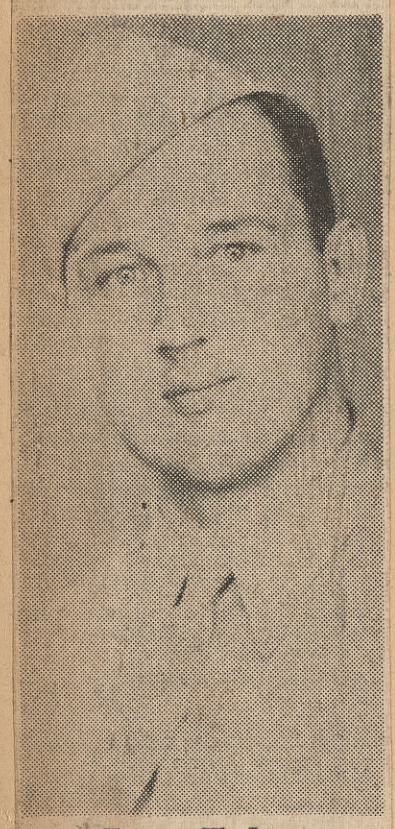
Eurekan Goes Overseas



Hermon W. Jones

Sgt. Hermon Jones, who recently completed a course of training at the Armored School at Fort Knox, has left for overseas with his unit.

Jones was flown overseas in early July. He is a member of the First Instructor's Team of Night Vision Training and has received the Good Conduct Medal.

He is the son of Mrs. Emily Jones of Eureka.

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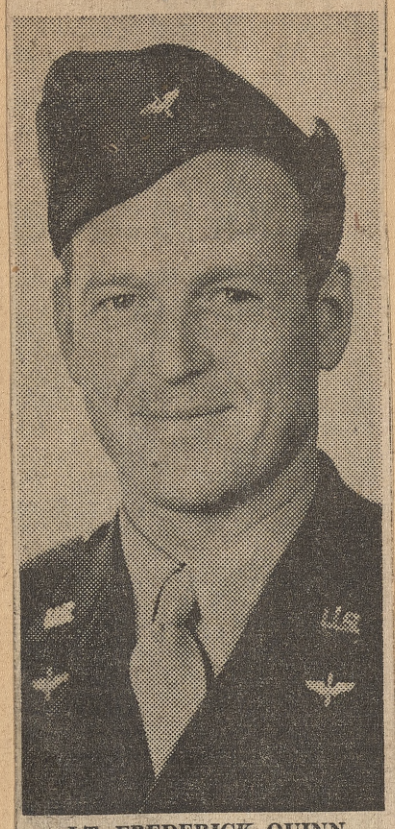
Escaped Death Plane Crash



LT. FREDERICK QUINN

HEADQUARTERS, 13TH AAF, (Philippines) - Lieutenant Frederick Quinn, son of Fred A. Quinn of 1526 J street Eureka, pilot of a P-38 Lightning plane, recently plunged with his plane beneath Pacific waters off Borneo and lived to tell of the harrowing experience.

The young pilot of the Jungle Air Force Sunsetters squadron was on a strafing mission over an island off the east coast of Borneo when his left wing struck a tree.

With the leading edge of the wing ripped, the left propeller bent, the left engine cowling sheared off, Lieutenant Quinn fought for altitude. He reached 400 feet, then his air-speed fell to 130 miles per hour.

As the plane nosed down toward the water he tried to unfasten his chest buckle, but not in time. The plane, with one engine aflame, hissed into the water carrying him with it.

When he pried the buckle off, he found, under water, that his chute was entangled on the back of his chair.

Freed at an estimated depth of more than fifteen feet, Lieutenant Quinn pulled himself along the antenna wire and pushed up with his feet as the tail assemble sank past. But he found himself stuck by the weight of his chute pack a few feet below the surface.

Something had to be done fast. Lieutenant Quinn broke the CO2 (Co 2) cylinders and his inflated Mae West lifted him to the surface.

After a swim, he reached shore, pushing the parachute and pack ahead of him. To attract help, he spread his tarpaulin on the beach. While in the process, he detected movement in the brush neighboring the beach.

He hit the ground, felt for his knife, and remembered it had jarred from its scabbard when his plane hit the water. He lay still. The foliage parted to introduce a band of friendly monkeys which danced about him, squealing welcome.

Six hours later he was picked up by a searching plane.

Lieutenant Quinn's father, Fred A. Quinn, is internal revenue collector for the Humboldt and Del Norte district.

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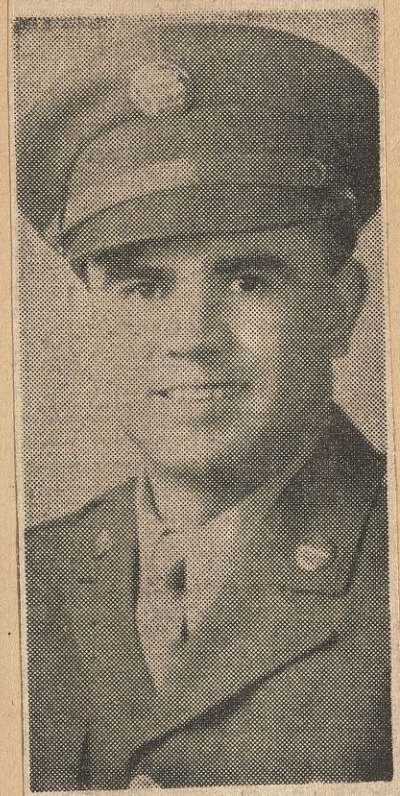
Visits Home In Weitchpec



CORPORAL THOMAS J. NIX

Corporal Thomas J. Nix has returned to his home in Weitchpec after a year and nine months spent overseas.

Member of the 43rd Tank Division, part of General George S. Patton's army, Corporal Nix took part in campaigns in France, Belgium, Austria, Luxemburg and Germany. He wears four battle stars.

He is visiting his wife and children at Hoopa and his mother, brother and sister at Weitchpec and a sister at Orick. At the end of his furlough he will report to Camp Beale for reassignment.

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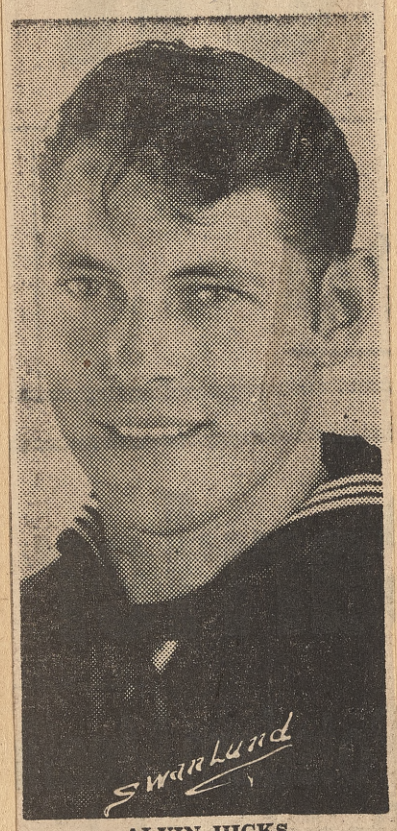
Takes Bride To Grants Pass



ALVIN HICKS

Alvin Hicks and his bride who have been spending part of his furlough here, have gone to Grants Pass to visit with his parents who have a ranch near there. His bride is the former Ruth Evelyn Jensen.

Hicks has been at sea seven months, participating in battles in the Philippines and elsewhere in the Pacific. At the end of his furlough he will report for duty to San Francisco.

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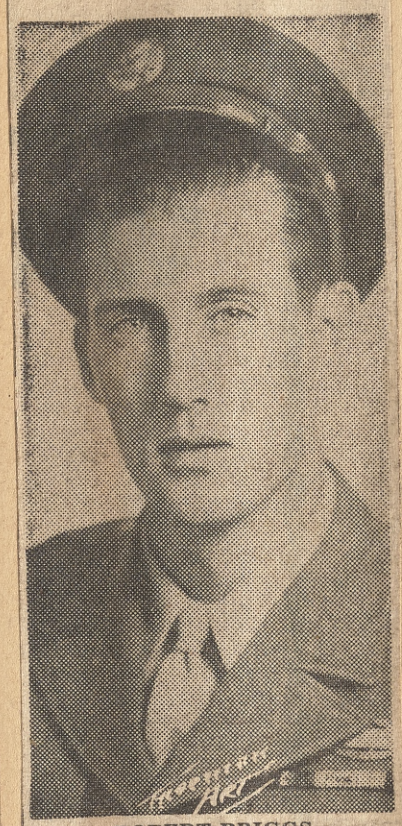
Survivor 'Lost Battalion'



ROBERT BRIGGS

ARCATA, July 21. - Staff Sgt. Robert Briggs of Company F, 19th Infantry of the 24th Division of the U. S. Army, veteran of many battles in the South Pacific during the past 31 months, is enjoying his first furlough in all that time in Arcata with his wife, Fern, and mother, Mrs. Alice Briggs.

St. Sgt. Briggs participated in campaigns on Paupan, Dutch New Guinea and the Philippine invasion. He was a member of the famed "Lost Battalion" on the Island of Leyte, when his squadron was lost for 12 days without food and protection, when many of the men died and others suffered from hunger and exposure, before being rescued. The only food the men had was when one of them or more were lucky enough to kill a Jap and take his food. The Arcata man was confined to a base hospital for a time, before being again engaged in the warfare.

He wears an Asiatic-Pacific ribbon, three battle stars, a Philippine Liberation ribbon, one for good conduct and an infantry combat medal.

St. Sgt. Briggs is a graduate of the Arcata schools, attended Humboldt State College, and was engaged in defense work in Oakland before he entered the Army three years ago. He has one brother, Cpl. Raymond Briggs of the Army, who is stationed in Texas, while receiving treatment for a badly injured arm, received more than a year ago.

Sgt. Briggs will leave the last of the month for Fort Lewis, Washington, where he will report for further hospitalization before receiving another assignment. He will be accompanied by his wife, formerly Fern Filgate of Eureka, who has been making her home in Arcata with her husband's mother, since he was sent overseas.

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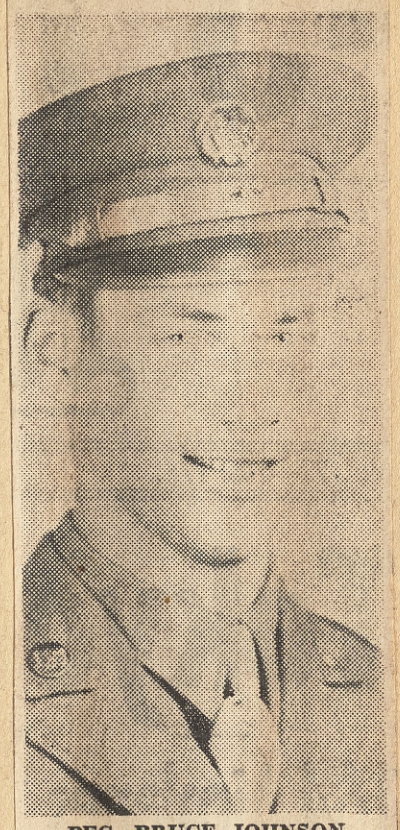
Baseball Star Visits Home



PFC. BRUCE JOHNSON

Following several months of service with the Third Army in Europe, Pfc. Bruce Johnson is home on a 30-day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson, 2477 Spring street.

Following his training instruction, Johnson was sent overseas in January of this year arriving in Europe in time to take part in the final big push against the Germans.

Following completion of his leave he will report to Camp Beale and will then be transferred to Fort Benning, Georgia for retraining.

He is a graduate of the Eureka high school where he starred in athletics.

It was last year that he pitched the Chi-Bridge All-Stars to several victories over strong San Francisco and Oakland independent baseball clubs. He said upon his return here that he managed to do a bit of practice throwing in Germany after the Nazis had surrendered.

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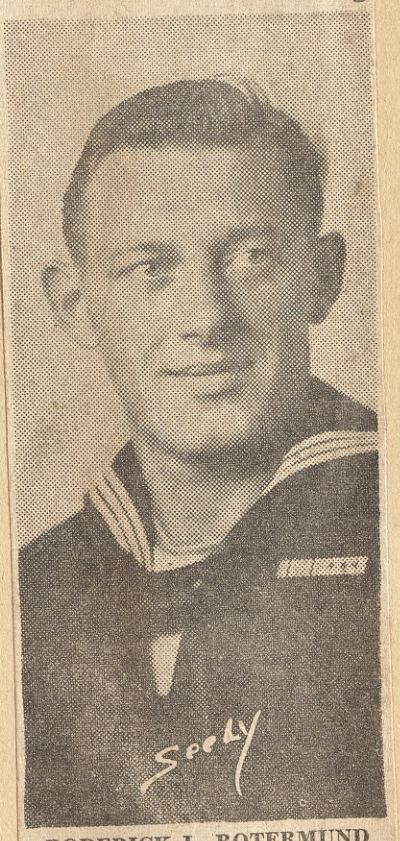
To Take Diesel Training



RODERICK L. ROTERMUND

His 30-day leave having expired, Robert L. Rotermund, MoMM 2/c, has left for Bremerton, Wash., where he will study advanced Diesel work.

While here he visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Rotermund, and brother and sister, Don and Helen. Several dinners and parties were given for him during his leave.

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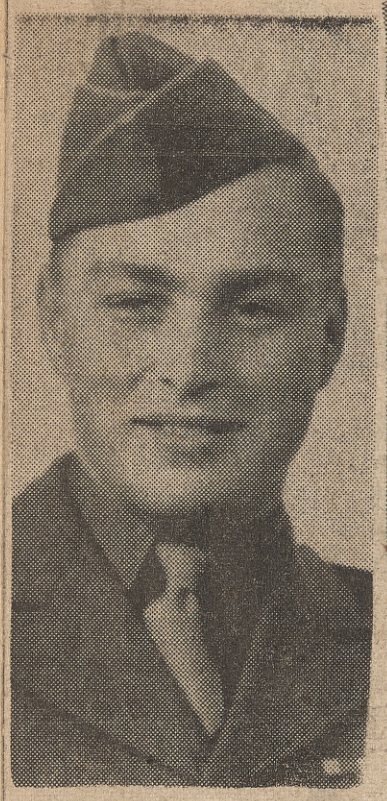
Three Sons, Son-In-Law Of Eurekans Serve In U. S. Armed Forces



PAUL LUDTKE

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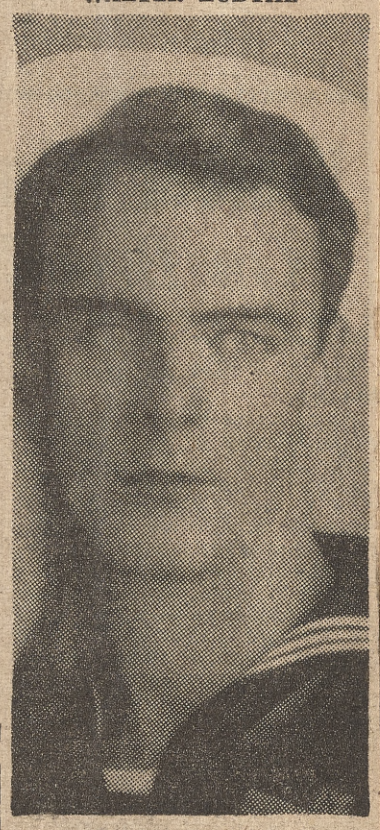

BERNARD WILSON, JR.

Wit hthe recent enlistment of their youngest son into the Marines, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Ludtke of 3346 Summer street, now have three sons and a son-in-law in the armed forces.

Their oldest son, Walter Ludtke, spent three years in Alaska as an airplane mechanic with the armed forces, then enlisted in the Navy Air Corps as an airplane carrier mechanic. He is now stationed at Jacksonville, Florida.

Paul Ludtke, the next in line, enlisted in the Army more than three years ago and has seen 26 months of active service in the Pacific. He is now with the office of Army engineers in Washington B. C.

The youngest son, Robert Ludtke, graduated from the Eureka high school in January of this year and enlisted in the Marines on March 15. He is now at the San Diego training school.

The son-in-law, Bernard Wilson, Jr., son of Bernard Wilson of Scotia, enlisted in the Navy five years ago and served as a cook on a battleship, and on convoy duty. He is now in Miami, Florida, where he is a cook in a hospital for wounded servicemen.

A sister of the Ludtke boys, Gertrude, is the wife of Bernard Wilson and is with him at Miami. Another sister, Elsie Ludtke, is one of the bathing beauties entered in the contest now being conducted here.

Their father, Emil Ludtke, has been employed by the Northwestern Pacific railroad for the 21 years and is still working them. The two younger sons, and Robert, also had been emp ed by the NWP; while W worked as a mechanic in an plane factory.

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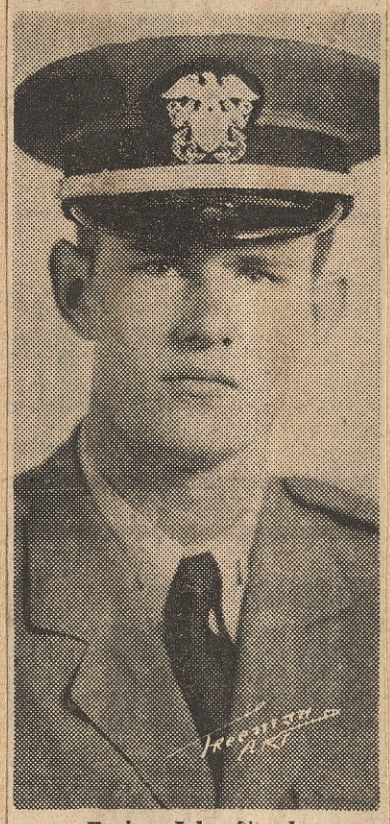
Visited Here

Goes To Harvard



Ensign John Teeple

Ensign John N. Teeple of Eureka was commissioned July 3 with the Naval Reserve graduating class from Fort Schuyler, New York, the ceremony taking place in the Cathedral of St. John the Devine in Manhattan.

After a brief leave here with his mother, Mrs. Lucyle Stowe of 1039 I street, Ensign Teeple went east by plane for continued military study at Harvard university, Cambridge, Massachusettes.

Before entering midshipmen's school, Teeple was a medical student at Ohio State university, Columbus, Ohio, having taken premedical work at Humboldt State college and College of the Pacific at Stockton. He also graduated from Eureka High school where he was active in sports and interested in music.

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Training

To Become Pilot

F/O HENRY N. HARTMAN

F/O Henry N. Hartman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hartman 4090 Williams street, is a trainee pilot and is stationed at the Fort Sumner Army Air field in New Mexico. He enterted the army in January, 1943.

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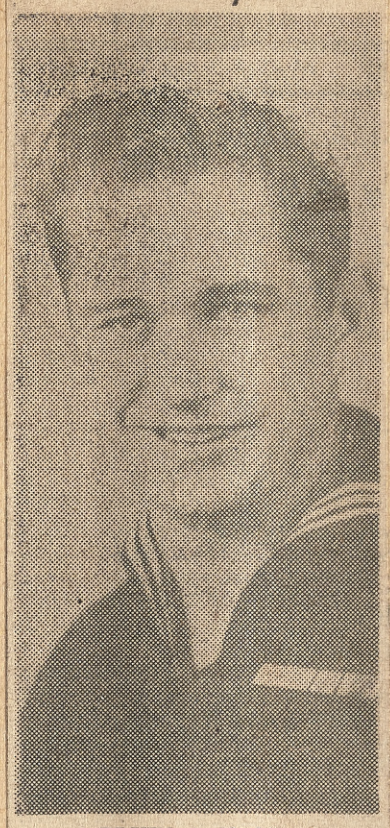
Pacific Veteran

Many Battles



MELVIN A. KNIGHT

After having seen action on a battleship in most of the major naval engagements in the Pacific area, Melvin Alfred Knight, PhM 2/c, got his first leave and visited here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Knight and sister Nadine of 1325 McCullin avenue. Following his visit here they all left for San Francisco to visit at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Catherine Labuhn, where they were joined by many more of their relatives and friends and entertained at many affairs.

Knight attended the Arcata High school and with his family lived for a time at Moonstone Beach before entering the Navy in 1942.

Among other major engagements, his ship took part in action in the Marshall Islands, the Bonins, Saipan, Marianas, Battle of the Philippine Sea, Guam, Palau, Iowo Jima and Okinawa.

He has returned to his battleship.

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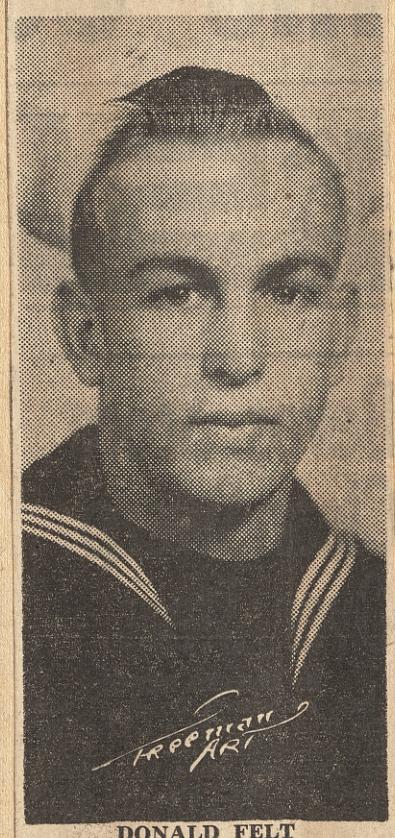
Signalman

On Plane Carrier



DONALD FELT

Donald Felt, seaman 2/c, who is a signalman on an airplane carrier that took part in the invasion of Iwo Jima and Okinawa, is home on leave visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Felt, 2620 O street.

Felt entered the navy last October, receiving training in the Hawaiian islands. He is here for only a short time while his ship is in drydock in the Bay area.

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Liberated

Visits Rio Dell

SGT. EDWARD L. KOLB

Sgt. Edward L. Kolb, ball turret gunner on a B-17 which was shot down over Germany after which he spent four months in a prison camp, returned home recently. With his wife, 16-month-old son and father-in-law Perry E. Danley from San Francisco he is visiting relatives and friends in Rio Dell.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kolb, Sr., of Oakland. In Rio Dell he is visiting with the following relatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Danley, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Dies Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hientz and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Danley, Jr.

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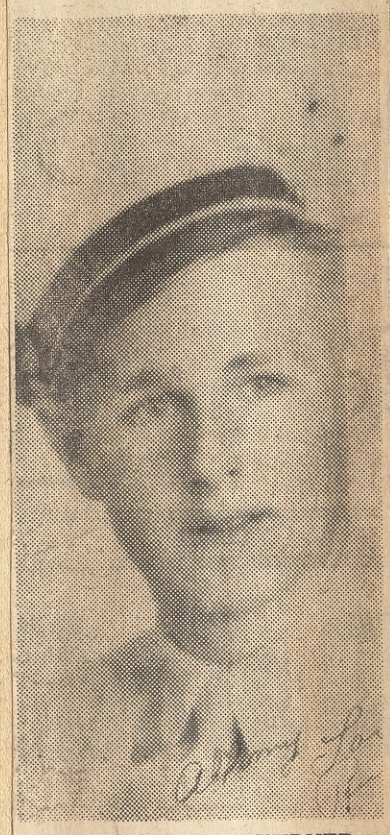
Visits Friends

In Eureka



TS. RUSSELL C. TURNER

Technical Sergeant Russell C. Turner is home on a 30-day furlough and is visiting friends in Eureka and Cutten. He is the son of David Turner of Cutten.

Graduate of the Eureka High school, Turner has been in the Army Air force since April, 1943. He was transferred overseas in June, 1944, and stationed in New Guinea and the Philippines. He is serving with the 5th Air force.

Tues July 24-1945

Eureka Guardsman Sees Action

RICHARD H. RICE

Coast Guardsman Richard H. Rice, chief quartermaster, of 923 Third street, Eureka, participated in the latest Pacific landings on the small island of Iheya Shima, which lies northwest of Okinawa. He was aboard a Coast Guard manned LST.

Rice also was in the assaults on Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Prior to his present assignment, Chief Rice served aboard a Coast Guard manned destroyer escort in the Atlantic and Mediterranean.

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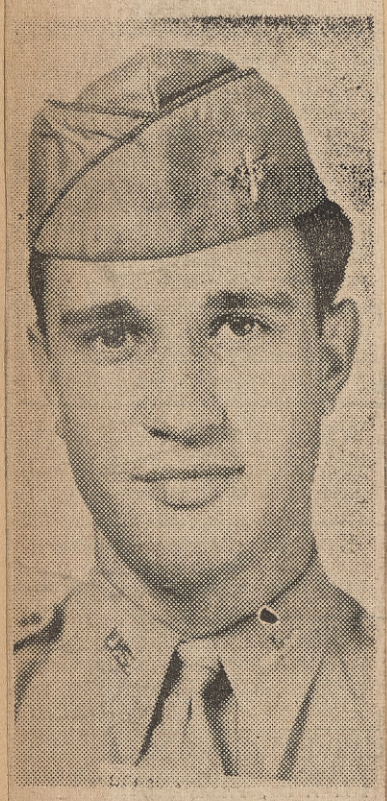
TRAINING

For Air Corps



HENRY F. HARTMAN, F/O

F/O Henry N. Hartman, 21, of 4090 Williams street, Eureka, is now a training pilot for new recruits at the Fort Sumner, New Mexico, Army air field, it was reported today by the public relations officer.

F/O Hartman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hartman of Eureka, entered the Army in January, 1943. He was a student in civilian life.

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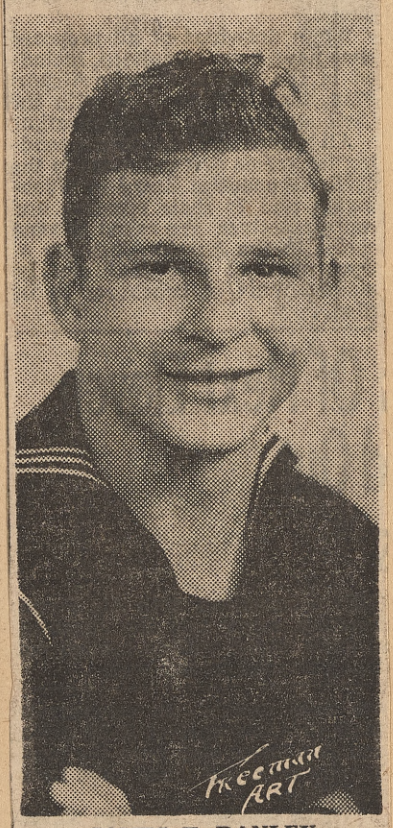
Gets Discharge

Navy Veteran



JAMES T. DANLEY

James T. Danley, S 2/c, is home on discharge from the Navy after serving three years. One year was served in the Southwest Pacific aboard the USS New Orleans.

After visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Danley, and sisters and brothers-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Dias and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Heintz, and other relatives, Danley is now making his home in Rio Dell, with his wife and six months old daughter.

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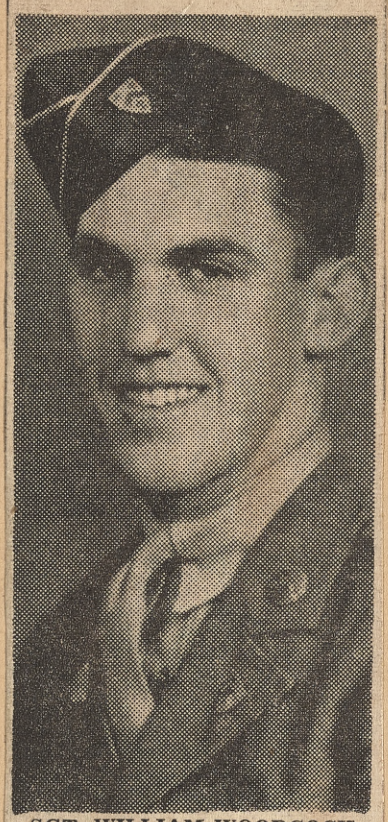
Killed In Action

Okinawa Battle



SGT. WILLIAM WOODCOCK

A telegram from the War Department reporting that their son, T/Sgt. William Freeman Woodcock, had been killed in action on Okinawa has been received by Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Woodcock. He was killed on June 18, the telegram disclosed.

Sgt. Woodcock was an honor student of the graduating class of 1940 at the Eureka High school. He had seen much service and had accumulated a total of 107 discharge points and had expected to be released from duty soon.

He was a member of Company I 184th Infantry, of the National Guard, leaving here with that unit in March, 1941. Serving for a time with the Western Defense Command, his outfit, under the command of William Walker (now Lt. Col. Walker) was later incorporated into the Seventh Division, at the time training for overseas duty at Comp Ord. They were shipped to the Aleutians and spent some time at Kiska.

Later the Seventh Division was sent to the Hawaiian Islands where further training was done.

Sgt. Woodcock took part in the battles of Kwajelain, the entire Leyte campaign and later volunteered for a special mission to the Camotes Islands. He was wounded there and received the Silver Star for gallantry in action. He was hospitalized for a time on Saipan, later rejoining the Seventh for the Okinawa invasion.

In addition to the Silver Star, he was entitled to wear the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, battle stars, American Defense, Asiatic-Pacific and Philippine Liberation ribbons.

Another son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodcock, Richard, is soon to enter the army, and their daughter, Rosellen, is a staff sergeant in the Marines, stationed in Washington, D. C. She is expected to arrive home today, having come from the east by plane for a 20-day furlough.

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Long Leave

For Weitchpec Man

WARREN G. ABBOTT

Home on a 30-day leave and visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Abbott of Weitchpec is Warren G. Abbott, seaman first class, who ship is the USS Wyandotte.

Abbott has been in the navy for 14 months. His ship was damaged at Okinawa but only one person was injured. It is now being repaired. Abbott took part in three engagements in the South Pacific.

He will return to his duties the latter part of this month.

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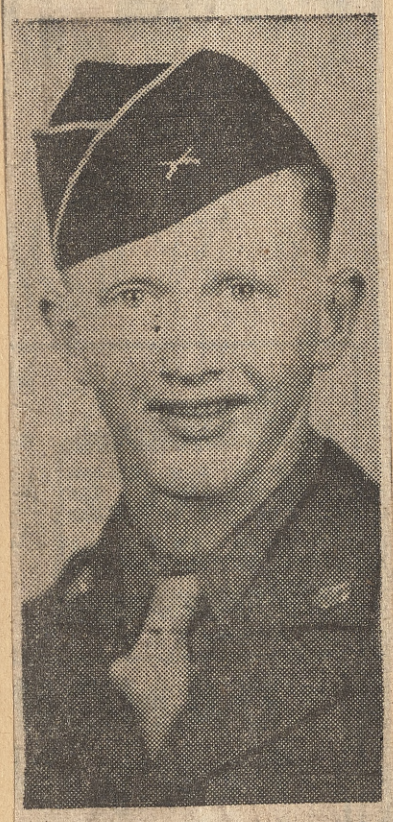
Killed In Action

On Okinawa



PFC. ROBERT W. CARLSON

Private First Class Robert W. Carlson was killed in action on Okinawa June 19, according to word received here today by his mother, Mrs. Genevieve Carlson, 1458 East avenue.

The 18-year-old soldier attended the Nazareth Convent school and the Eureka High school. He was born and raised in Eureka, and before entering the service was employed by the Chicago Bridge and Iron company.

Besides his mother, he leaves a brother, Gerald, and his sister, Patricia, both of Eureka.

Fri July 27-1945

Died Of Wounds

English Hospital

S/SGT. RUSSELL THOMPSON

Staff Sergeant Russell (Buster) Thompson died in England on July 8 from injuries received in Germany on April 10, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Thompson of Scotia, from the war department.

Sergeant Thompson entered the service in July, 1943. He received his training at Camp Roberts and Camp Meade, Maryland. He was sent overseas in October, 1944.

He was a graduate of the Fortuna High school and was employed by the Safeway Stores of Eureka before entering the service.

Besides his parents, Sergeant Thompson is survived by his wife, Frances, and two children, Michele and Michael, of Eureka; two sisters, Mrs. Edward Carpenter of Loleta and Mrs. John Ruger of Klamath Falls, Oregon.

While working in Eureka, Thompson was employed in the meat department of the Safeway Stores and Seventh and E streets.

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WINS MEDAL

S-Sgt. Arthur Lewis

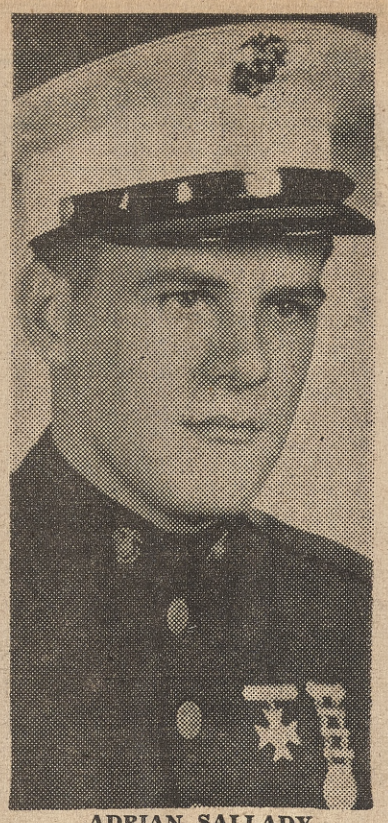
Pictured here is Staff Sgt. Arthur D. Lewis of Crannell as he receives the Bronze Star Medal from Col. Charles Hoy, Regimental Commander.

Sgt. Lewis is in the Seventh Army, V1 Corps, A. T. company, 334th Regiment, 84th Infantry Division, in the Heidelberg Area, Germany.

Fri Aug 10-1945

THREE ARCATA BROTHERS IN US ARMED SERVICE

EDWARD SALLADY



ADRIAN SALLADY

FRANK SALLADY

Three branches of the United States armed forces are represented by the Sallady brothers of Arcata, sons of Mrs. Lera Havens. One is in the U. S. Army, another in the U. S. Marines, and the third in the U. S. Navy.

Pfc. Edward B. Sallady is in the U. S. Army, Company C. 169 Eng. C battalion. He has been in Italy 20 months with the railroad construction corps. He is still there, but writes to his mother that he hopes to be sent home before long.

Corporal Adrian T. Sallady, with the Marine Transport Squadron 153, is home on 30 days leave, visiting with his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. L. Havens of Arcata, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Combs of Miranda. At the end of his leave he will report to the marine air base at Santa Ana.

Corporal Sallady spent 15 months in the Southwest Pacific with the First Marine Air Wing.

Frank M. Sallady, S 2/c SM, United States Navy signal school, Class 6, is now stationed on the island of Oahu in the Hawaiian islands, where he is training for signalman. He was home on leave last April, visiting his mother and grandparents. After his leave, he reported back to San Diego for overseas training.

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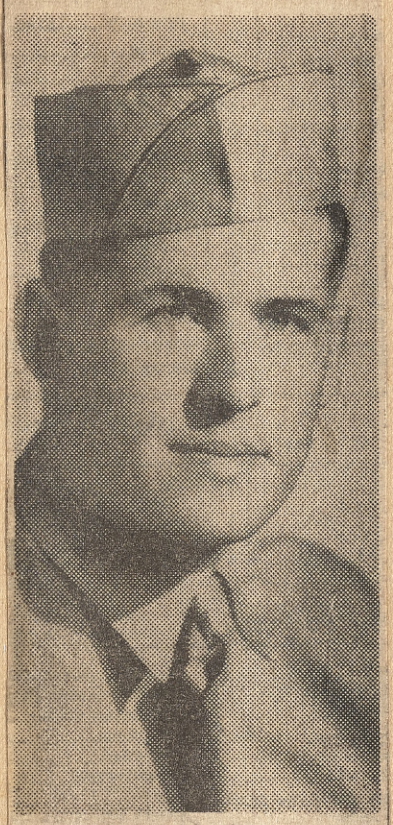
Killed In Action

On Mindanao



T-Sgt. James Light

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Light of Indianola have received word that their son, Technical Sgt. Andrew James Light, was killed in action July 13 on Mindanao.

Most of his 32 months in the Army had been spent overseas. After training in Hawaii and Australia he fought through the New Guinea, Leyte, Philippine and Mindanao campaigns. He had been wounded in the jaw by shrapnel on June 16 of this year but had recovered, returned to duty and was on patrol when he was killed.

Sgt. Light had received the Combat Infantry badge. A graduate of Arcata High school, he was employed by the California Barrel company before being inducted.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are his sisters and brothers: Mrs. Aaron Peterson of Bayside; Mrs. Runar Anderson of Freshwater, Roy Light of Oakland and Richard Light of Indianola.

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South Pacific Vet

To Washington

Robert Oglesby, RM 1C

FERNDALE, Aug. 2.-(U.P.)-Robert Oglesby, RM 1C, formerly of Eureka and Scotia, who returned recently from the South Pacific, has been assigned to duty with the Navy intelligence department in Washington, D. C. He left last week for the nation's capital, after spending a 30-day leave here and in San Francisco.

His wife, the former Colleen Robinson, has been in Ferndale to visit here parents since he left to take up his new post and she plans to join him next month.

Oglesby was born in Eureka and graduated from Fortuna High school. He enlisted in the Navy five years ago and participated in major operations in the South Pacific until he was called home for the new appointment several weeks ago.

His mother, Mrs. Minnie Oglesby, lives in San Francisco and he has one brother, Ray Oglesby, Eureka, who is with the Merchant Marines.

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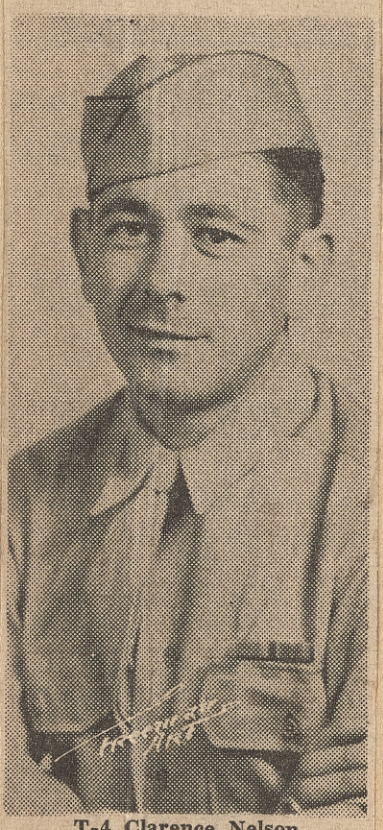
Home From Italy



T-4 Clarence Nelson

Returning from Italy and duty with the 15th Air Force ground crew, Technician-4 Clarence (Clam) Nelson is home after 23 months overseas service to visit his son, Gary, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Nelson of 3522 Colorado street.

Nelson had been employed for several years in the mechanical department of the Humboldt Standard and the Eureka Newspapers. He is on 30-day furlough.

Entering the Army Air Force in September, 1942, Nelson trained at Camp Kohler, at Los Angeles, Pendleton, Oregon, and Sioux City Iowa. He has served in North Africa and Sicily before going to Italy.

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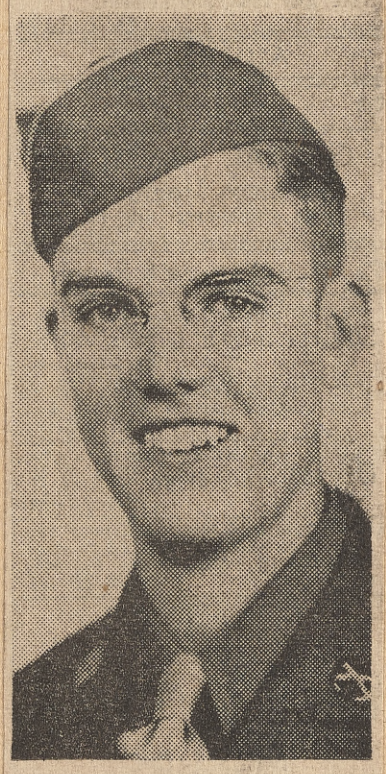
Killed In Action



Pvt. Eugene Dashiell

WEOTT, Aug. 8—Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Dashiell of Weott have received word that Pvt. Eugene Dashiell, their son, was killed May 29 in action on Okinawa.

After graduating from South Fork High school and attending University of California a year, Dashiell entered the army, trained at Camp Roberts and went overseas last March.

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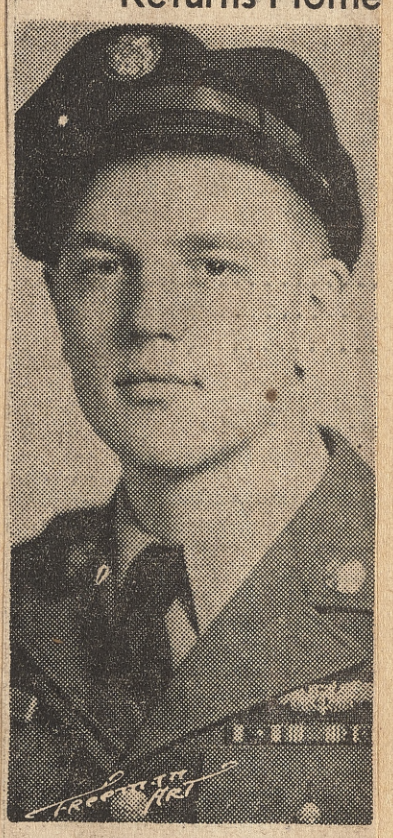
Overseas Vet

Returns Home



S-Sgt. Lowell Davison

Credited with 12 combat missions over Germany, Staff Sgt. Lowell Davison, radar operator with the 351 Bomb Group, Eighth Air Force, is home after serving eight months in England. He is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davison of Orick, while on 30-day leave and will report September 1 at Santa Ana for reassignment.

In the Army Air Force since February, 1944, Sgt. Davison trained in Arizona, Texas and Nebraska, before going overseas last November.

He holds the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, a Presidential Citation and three Battle Stars.

Sgt. Davison is a brother of Richard, Maurice, Melvin and Clarice Davison, all of Orick.

Fri Aug 10-1945

Gets Discharge

Five Years In

Robert M. Cox

SCOTIA, Aug. 6. - After serving five years and two months in the Army, Sgt. Robert M. Cox, technician-4, has been discharged from the service under the point system and has returned home.

Cox served 35 months overseas in the Pacific area, through the Luzon, South Philippines and Bismarck archipelago campaigns. He holds the Good Conduct and American Defense Service Medals, Philippine Liberation ribbon with Bronze Star, Combat Infantry badge, Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon and the Purple Heart for wounds received March 2 on Luzon.

A graduate of Fortuna High school, Cox was employed by the Pacific Lumber company in civilian life. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cox of Scotia, and he is a brother of Mrs. Charles Nordeck of San Francisco and Mae Marie Cox of Scotia.

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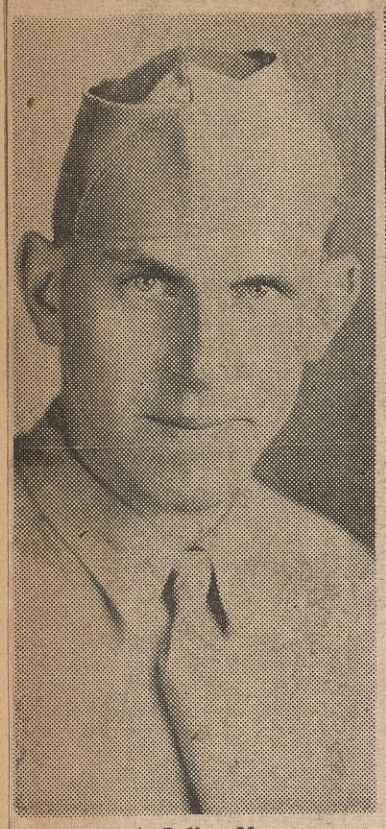
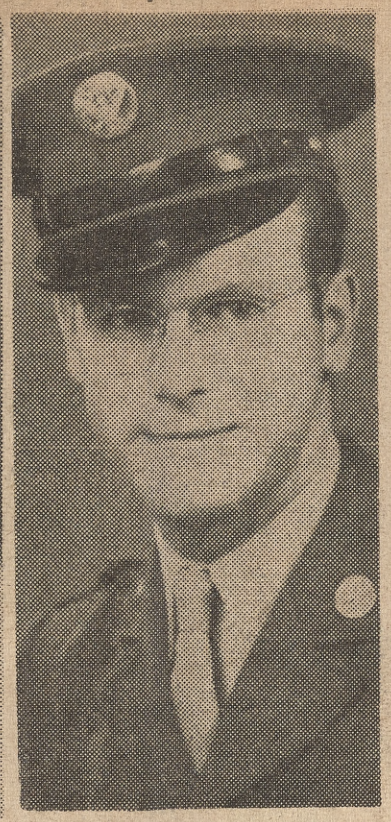
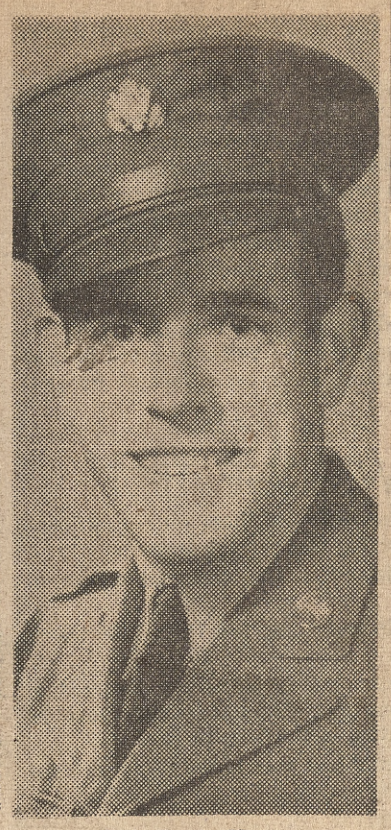
FOUR BROTHERS, SISTER IN US ARMY



Pvt. Julius Noga



Pfc. Joe Noga



Sgt. Louis Noga

Pfc. Adolph Noga

Sgt. Ethel Noga

When Mr. and Mrs. John Noga of 1435 West Avenue write to their five children in the Army service they send letters to Okinawa, the Philippines, Hawaii, England and one in the United States and they have another daughter employed at Belvedere, California. Pictured here are their daughter and sons, Ethel, Louis, Joe, Adolph and Julius, for whom five service stars shine on the window banner the Nogas proudly display at their home.

Sgt. Louis Noga, formerly employed here by a printing firm, entered the Army service in February, 1942, has been overseas two years and is now with the Signal Corps in the Philippines. He also served in Australia and New Guinea.

Sgt. Ethel Noga, who joined the WAC in June, 1943, has been overseas a year, serving in New Guinea, the West Indies and the Philippines, now is at Okinawa in General George C. Kinney's office. She is a graduate of Santa Rosa Junior college.

Overseas a year, Pfc. Joe Noga is with the Military Police in England. He saw service in France, Belgium and Germany. Formerly employed by the California Barrel Company at Arcata, he went into the army in November, 1942.

In the army since September, 1942, Pfc. Adolph Noga, also with the Military Police, has spent all of his army life in Hawaii. He, too, was a printer and had been employed in San Luis Obispo in civilian life.

Pvt. Julius Noga is the last of the five to join the army, beginning his service in April of this year. He is with an Engineer Corps at Camp Wolters, Texas, formerly was employed at Korbel on the Hammond ranch.

Miss Marie Noga, a sister of the army quintet, is employed as a telephone operator at Belvedere. They all attended Eureka High school.

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ON SUBMARINE

—Official Navy Photo

Chief Elmer M. Green

AT A SUBMARINE BASE IN THE PACIFIC—For "meritorious service in action in the performance of his duties as chief motor machinist's mate-in-charge in a U. S. submarine during a war patrol of that vessel", Elmer M. Green, 28, USN, of Eureka, California, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal. The award was made by Fleet Admiral C. W. Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

Green, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. John R. U. Call of Eureka, received the medal from Commodore Merrill Comstock, USN, Chief of Staff, Commander Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet, at a submarine base in the Pacific.

A citation accompanying the medal read, "Through his skill and thorough technical knowledge he maintained the main propulsion plant in a high state of reliability. His conduct throughout was an inspiration to all with whom he served".

Tues Aug 7-1945.

Home On Leave

Philippines

Robert L. Hayes, AO 2c

Home on 30-day leave after a year's duty in the Philippines and Morotai, flying 67 combat missions for a total of 846 hours in the Navy B-24s, Robert Leroy Hayes, aviation ordnanceman 2c, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Z. Hayes of Cutten.

When he had flown 10 combat missions, totaling 107.9 hours of flight over enemy territory in the vicinity of operational enemy airfields, during which enemy opposition was probable and expected, he was awarded the Air Medal.

The citation waes "for distinguishing himself by meritorious acts while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific area from November, 1944, to December 15, 1944. His actions during this period have distinguished him among those performing duties of the same character."

The crew of Hayes' ship is credited, while flying over enemy territory in China, with destroying 35 small ships, 10 trucks (with six damaged), one dive bomber, one fighter, one fighter on the ground, one transport plane on the ground, four block houses, two barracks, one hangar and shop, two warehouses, two mine buildings, two radar stations.

They also are credited with damaging two warehouses, three radar stations, one barracks, two mine buildings and other equipment on the ground.

His ship dropped delayed action bombs on the enemy while flying only 50 feet from the ground. Although they came back from one mission with 50 holes in the plane, none of the crew was wounded.

The Navy man has a brother, Arleigh Hayes, in the Merchant Marines and a sister, Mrs. Ray Hauger of Eureka, whose husband, Seaman 1c, is also home from South Pacific duty.

Hayes enlisted in September, 1942, and trained at Corpus Christi Texas. He attended Eureka High school and was employed here as a plasterer before enlisting.

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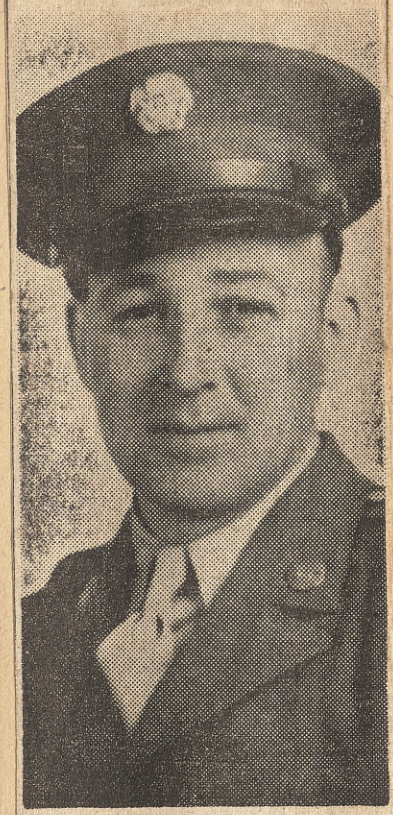
Gets Bronze Star

Other Medals



T.-Sgt. Francis Lapham

For meritorius service in combat from March 2, 1944 to May 2, 1945, in Italy, Technical Sgt. Francis A. Lapham of Eureka has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal. He also holds the Good Conduct and Combat Infantry Medals and several Battle Stars.

Having served in Africa and through the entire campaign in Italy, Sgt. Lapham is now with the Army of Occupation at Merano in northern Italy on the Austrian border.

His citation reads: During combat operations from Minturno to the Alps, Sgt. Lapham displayed outstanding excellence in the performance of his duties as platoon sergent of the ammunition and pioneer platoon. Carrying out important demolition and supply functions, Lapham made a vital contribution to the success of the battalion (Third Battalion, 349th Infantry Regiment.)

Near Minturno, prior to the start of offensive operations, Sgt. Lapham (then a squad leader), under the most dangerous conditions, efficiently directed activities of his men in cleaning heavy German mine fields.

At Fondi, May 20, 1944, Lapham demonstrated exemplary qualities of leadership when he, in the absence of an officer, assumed command and administered the task of insuring regular delivery of trains of ammunition and supplies to forward units.

Through all phases of the Italian campaign, Sgt. Lapham has tirelessly devoted himself to his duty and, unmindful of risk and discomfort, has mastered every problem that confronted him. His efforts, paritcularly in maintaining a steady flow of supplies, have contributed greatly to the success of the battalion and his meritorious achievements in combat have upheld the best traditions of the military service.

Attending Korbel and Eureka schools, Sgt. Lapham was employed by the Hammond Lumber company before entering the Army in November, 1942. He made his home with his sister, Mrs. James McKenna of 1703 West avenue, and is a brother of Lloyd Lapham of Eureka. He has two nephews, Pfc. Russell McKenna of Eureka with the 8th AAF in occupied Germany, and James McKenna, motor machinist mate 2c, Navy, back from three years sea duty and now enroute to the Pacific.

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Air Medal
For Eurekan

Lt. Robert H. Hoilien

General George C. Kenny, commander, Allied Air Forces in the Southwest Pacific area, has written to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoilien of 1117 Fifteenth street, to express his pride when their son, Lt. Robert H. Hoilien, was recently decorated with the Air Medal.

"It was an award made in recognition of courageous service to his combat organization, his fellow American airmen, his country, his home and to you," the general declared.

General Kenny's letter reads: He was cited for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific from August 8, 1944, to April 7, 1945.

Your son participated in sustained operational flight, flights that included dropping supplies and transporting troops over territory that was continually patrolled by enemy fighter aircraft. Often landings were made on fields which were only a few miles from enemy bases. These operations aided considerably in the recent successes in this theater.

Almost every hour of every day your son, and the sons of other American parents, are doing just such things as that, here in the Southwest Pacific. Theirs is a very real and very tangible contribution to victory and to peace.

I would like to tell you how genuinely proud I am to have men such as your son in my command, and how gratified I am to know that young Americans with such courage and resourcefulness are fighting our country's battle against the Japanese aggressors.

You, Mr. and Mrs. Hoilien, have every reason to share that pride and gratification.

Wed Aug 8-1945

Eureka Soldier
Decorated

—Official Army Photo.

M-Sgt. Ned Williams

FAIRFIELD, (Calif.) — In a special presentation ceremony held at the Air Transport Command's Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base last week, Master Sgt. Ned Williams of Eureka was decorated with the Bronze Star Medal. The presentation was made by Col. Curtis A. Keen, commanding officer.

The award was made to the Eureka sergeant for his military operations against the enemy in the Pacific from April, 1942, to March, 1943. During that time Sgt. Williams almost singlehandedly ran an ATC operational unit.

Sgt. Williams mother is Mrs. Nellie M. Williams of 1102 G street, Eureka. He is a brother of Mrs. S. G. Wahl, Mrs. A. E. Arnold and Joella Powers of Eureka. Enlisting in the AAF ground force in December, 1941, Sgt. Williams served overseas until October, 1944, in the Pacific area.

Wed Aug 8-1945

VISITS HOME

Seaman Howard Dunn

Seaman 2c Howard Dunn, who serves on the USS Gregory, recently visited his wife, Sara, and their children, Virginia and Ronnie, who are spending the summer with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. James Ford of Pigeon Point, near Eureka. Dunn formerly lived at Miller, Missouri.

Dunn was aboard the destroyer Gregory which shot down six enemy planes and participated in two major engagements although she had been fighting in the Western Pacific theater only since last October.

The Gregory left Pearl Harbor for Iwo Jima last January 21 and a month later had a show down with a Jap torpedo plane, while alternating as supply support ship, transport screen and performing other duties. Pounding enemy shore installations in the Iwo Jima campaign, her guns destroyed a tank, two trucks and five guns.

On February 25 of this year, the Gregory braved shellfire from enemy shore guns to rescue three downed American airmen. During the same period she prevented the loss of a B-29 returning from a raid on Honshu by guiding the plane to an emergency landing field.

The Gregory went to a San Diego drydock last May for repair from an attack of a Jap suicide plane at Okinawa.

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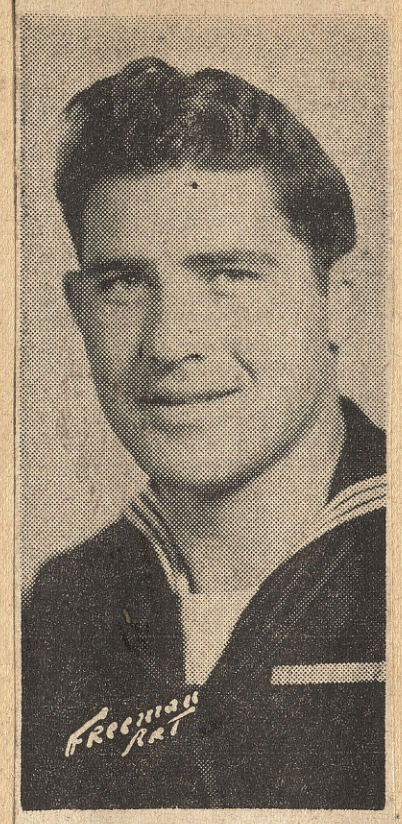
Returns Home



Seaman Raymond Hauger

An Armed Guard on a Merchant Marine cargo ship plying to the South Pacific bases for 12 months, Seaman 1c Raymond Hauger has returned home to visit his wife, Betty, and six-year-old son, Bennie, at Elk River and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hauger of 3131 Trinity street, Eureka.

Seaman Hauger will report at Treasurer Island, September 2 for continued sea duty.

His ship carried supplies to Hawaii, the Marshalls, Guam, the Marianas, Tinian, Saipan, Palau, the Philippines and other Pacific ports.

Seaman Hauger is a brother of Stanley Hauger, an Armed Guard now in India, Ravid Hauger who is with the Merchant Marines at Okinawa, and of Byron and Hoy Hauger of Eureka.

Fri Aug 10-1945

Killed In Action

T/3 Melvin Tavis

Missing in action since February 26, T/3 Melvin J. Tavis of Eureka was killed March 16 in Holland, according to a War Department message received by his wife, Thelma, of 403 Spruce street.

Born in Crescent City, T/3 Tavis attended schools there and was employed as a service station attendant in Eureka prior to entering the service in July, 1942. Going overseas in December, 1943, with an ordnance company, he was later transferred to the infantry, where he was serving when killed.

Survivors, besides the wife, are his daughters, Thelma and Adlene, students of Eureka Junior high school; two sisters, Mrs. L. P. Goselin, Eureka, and Mrs. Maurice de Radd; Brisbane; and a brother, Fred Tavis, who was recently discharged from the Seabees.

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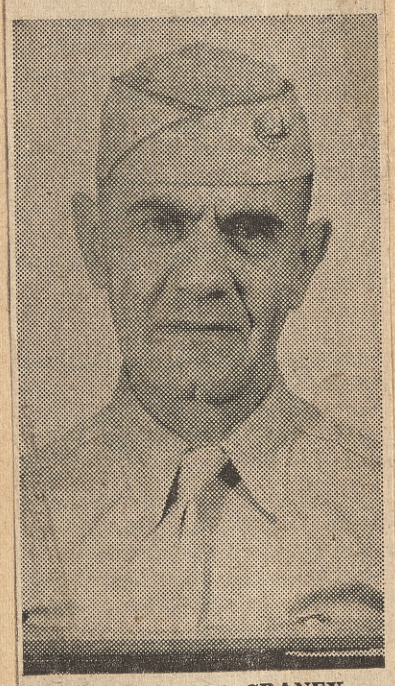
Returns Home
From Burma Area



SGT. FRANK CRANEY

"There's no place in the world that looks as good as Humboldt county and especially Eureka", says Sergeant Frank Craney, who has been in the U. S. Army for nearly three years, returned this week to this city after receiving his honorable discharge at Camp Beale, Marysville.

After considerable training at Miami Beach, Florida, Craney was flown to Casablanca and later served with the air forces in the Burma theater.

Craney is president of the Eureka Beverage Company of this city.

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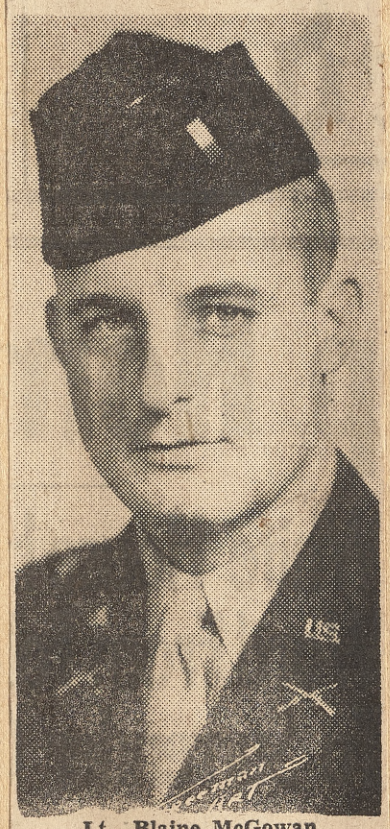
Wins Promotion



Lt. Blaine McGowan

Recently promoted to first lieutenant, Blaine McGowan, Jr., whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine McGowan, live on Edgewood road, is now at a rest camp on Luzon after his regiment, the 7th Cavalry (dismounted), has completed 102 days of continuous jungle combat.

Lt. McGowan has been in the army three years and was an instructor at Camp Croft, South Carolina, until he was commissioned in the infantry last December at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was assigned to the 7th Cavalry, which was General Custer's regiment, created in 1866, and is one of the oldest regiments of the U. S. army. The Eureka officer also saw action on Leyte.

Mon Aug 13-1945

Returns To Duty

Ensign Elvin Jackson

Commissioned in June at Camp Endicott, Rhode Island, in the Navy Civil Engineering Corps, Ensign Elvin E. Jackson, 22, was home on leave to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Erick Jackson of 2551 B street, and has reported for duty at Treasure Island.

Ensign Jackson attended Humboldt State college after graduating from Arcata High school. He completed the Naval V-12 training at University of Oklahoma.

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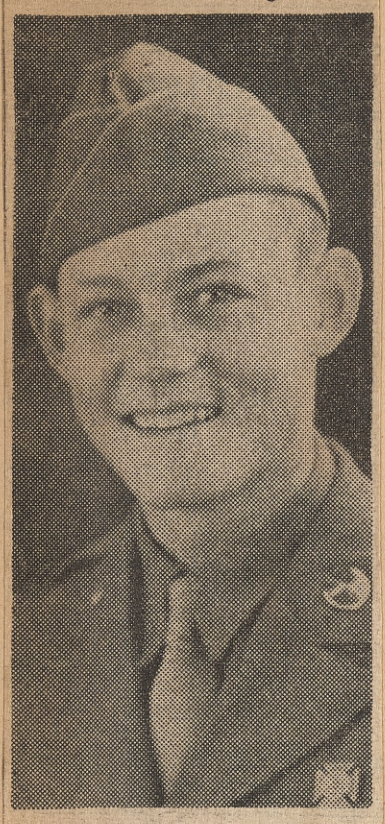
On Furlough



Pfc. Oscar Rodgers

Pfc. Oscar L. Rodgers, home from 14 months duty in the Southwest Pacific area, is on 30-day furlough too visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rodgers of 650 Silva street, Eureka.

In the Army two years, Rodgers wears the Purple Heart Medal and several Battle Stars. He was among the first troops to hit the beachhead of Leyte, where he was wounded in the left arm.

While in action on Mindanao he was seriously wounded in the foot and was flown ot Hamilton Field hospital for treatment before transferring to Palm Springs hospital where he has been convalescing for three months. Rodgers will return to the hospital for continued treatment when his furlough here ends.

The soldier is a brother of Miss Beatrice Rodgers of Eureka, Mrs. Samuel Hiscox of San Francisco who is now visiting her family here, Mrs. J. M. Geer of Richmond and Mrs. Eugene Johnson of Turlock.

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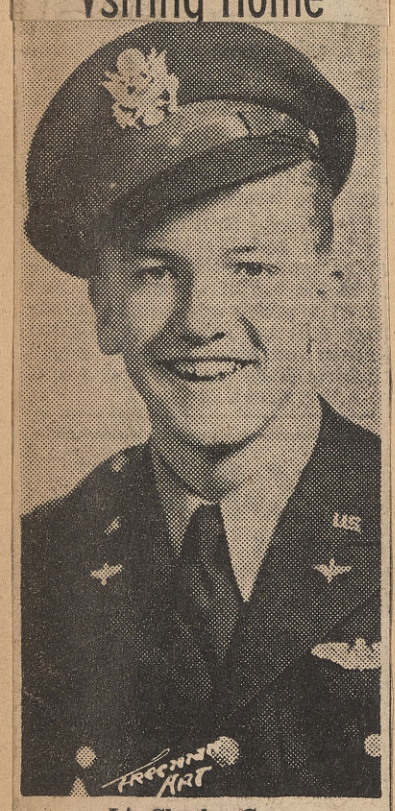

Lt. Charles Coen

FORTUNA, Aug. 14.-An Army Air Force bombardier, Lt. Charles Coen who is stationed at Walla Walla, Washington, is visiting in the county. He expects overseas service soon.

A graduate of Fortuna High school, Lt. Coen was employed by the Golden State Company, Ltd., at Loleta. He was commissioned in December, 1944, at Albuguerque, New Mexico.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Coen, and sister, Mrs. Reggie Waldrop, live at Novato.

Tues Aug 14-1945

On Furlough

Pfc. James E. Karry

SCOTIA, Aug. 14.-Home from 20 months in Italy with the 15th Army Air Force ground crew, Pfc. James E. Karry is home on 30-day furlough to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Karry of Scotia. He will report in South Dakota for reassignment or release from service.

Serving nearly three years, Karry holds the following campaign ribbons: European-Africa Middle Eastern theatre and Battle Stars for Foggia (Naples campaign), Rome (Arna campaign), Southern France (France campaign), Air Combat (Balkans), Germany campaign, North Appenines and Po Valley campaigns.

Pvt. Karry is a brother of Thomas Karry, Jr., of Portland, Oregon, and Warren Karry of San Francisco.

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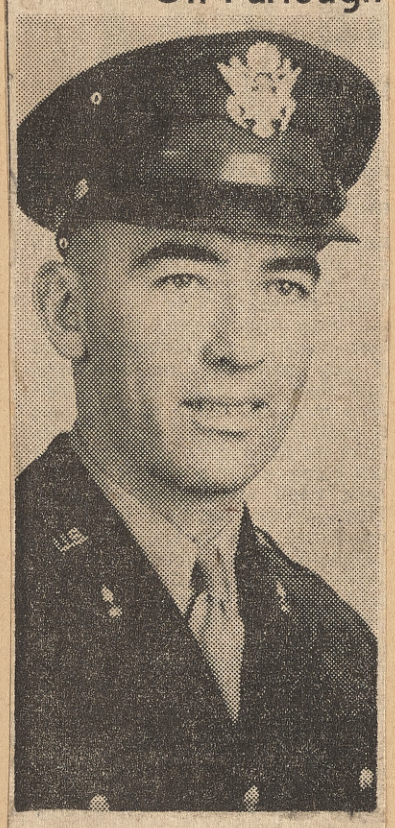
Wins Promotion

On Furlough



Maj. Frank McGaraghan

Major Frank McGaraghan, who has been with the U. S. Army for the past 18 months in England, is home visiting on a 30-day furlough. He was recently promoted from captain to the rink of major.

Major McGaraghan was greeted on arrival by his wife, Zdenka, and their 15-months-old-son, Patrick John. It was the first time that the Major had seen his youngster.

Major McGaraghan, widely known Eurekan and former chief of the local fire department and associate of the McGaraghan Drayage company of this city, is the son of Mrs. Annie McGaraghan and brother of James and Bertrand McGaraghan and Mrs. Margaret Bunce of this city.

Following his furlough Major McGaraghan will report to Atlanta, Georgia, for further Army duty.

Mon Aug 13-1945

Medico

Home From ETO

Capt. Max Todd

Home on leave after 26 months duty with the 8th Army Air Force Medical Corps, Capt. Max Todd has returned to Eureka to see his wife, Vivian, and will report for assignment at Camp Beale on August 29. He is also visiting his mother, Mrs. Alex Todd, and sister, Marjorie, of Arcata.

Called for service in November, 1942, Capt. Todd went on active duty January, 1943. He wears six Battle Stars after serving in England and Europe and the Eureka physician and surgeon also won the Expert Medal in carbine and pistol marksmanship.

Coming to the U. S. from England, Capt. Todd flew across the Atlantic.

Tues Aug. 14-1945

Wins Promotion

Returned to Base

Edwin J. Lolax

Warrant Officer Edwin J. Lolax of the U. S. Navy was recently promoted to that rank. He has been visiting here with his wife Julia and son Eddie and has returned to his base.

Lolax is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Lolax of Freshwater and is a veteran of the South Pacific.

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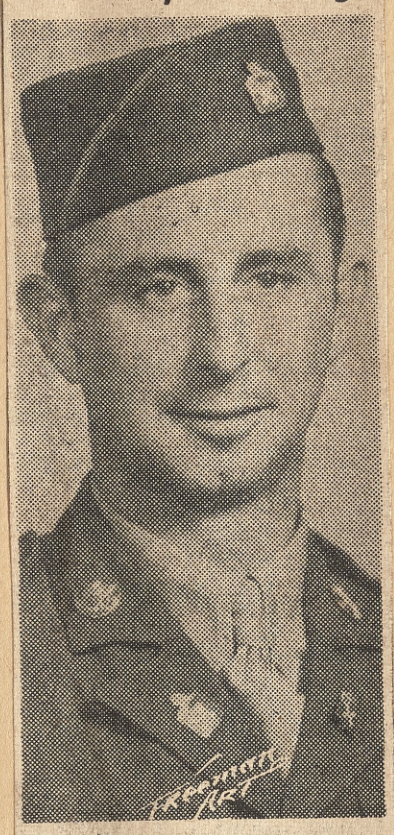
Returns Home

Army Discharge



S-Sgt. Donald Ambrosini

FERNDALE, Aug. 16. - Staff Sgt. Donald J. Ambrosini has received honorable discharge from the army, returning to his home in Ferndale after spending four and one half years in the service. Two years and three months were spent with the famous 7th Division which took a major part in the Attu, Kwajelein, Leyte and Okinawa campaigns.

Sgt. Ambrosini entered the service in February 1941, along with Sgt. Roland Larson of Fortuna and Sgt. John Pefferini of Arcata who were with him through the entire campaign and will arrive home from overseas soon.

He was awarded the American Defense Service medal, the Asiatic-Pacific campaign medal with a spearhead representing assault troops, the Good Conduct medal, the Combat Infantry badge, the Purple Heart, and Philippine Liberation ribbon with two Bronze Stars and four Bronze Stars for other combats.

Sgt. Ambrozini was commended for gallantry on Okinawa with Sgt. Coyt Gordon of McCool, Miss. and Pvt. Clarence Bolden of Freemont, Nebr., when they moved out on the flanks of an enemy strong point, silencing the position making possible the advance of their company which had been held up by the strong Jap fortification. The gallantry of these men helped to make their division one of the most famous in the Pacific. It was on Okinawa where Sgt. Ambrosini received shrapnel wounds in his back which entitled him to the Purple Heart decoration. He was hospitalized for a time in the Marianas but returned to see further duty against the Japs before returning hime.

In his first campaign with the 32nd Infantry on Attu, Ambrosini was a corporal under Sgt. Leonard Foulk who was blinded in the battle and later wrote a valuable book as his contribution to the Guide Dog movement. Sgt. Foulk recently visited with his counselor and friend at the Branstetter ranch at Capetown.

The young sergeant is the third son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Ambrosini of Ferndale. He is a graduate of Ferndale high school and U. C. College of Agriculture at Davis where he majored in animal husbandry.

His brothers and sisters are Mrs. Edna Frame, Miss Severina Ambrosini, and William Ambrosini of Ferndale, Mrs. Antone Jaunarina of Green Pond ranch, Wesley Ambrosini of Salinas and Norman Ambrosini of Belleview Park, Rio Dell.

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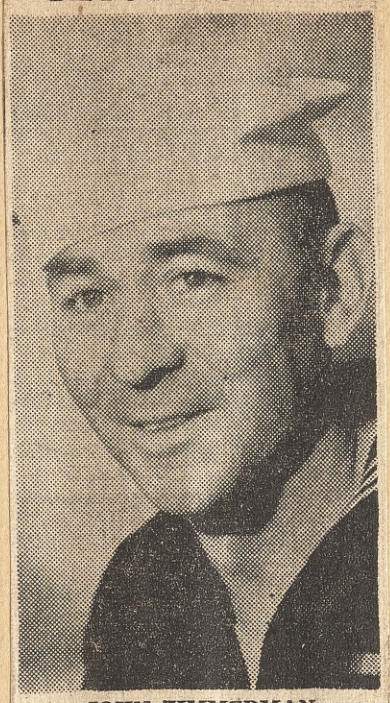
EUREKA SEABEE GETS DISCHARGE



JOHN ZIMMERMAN

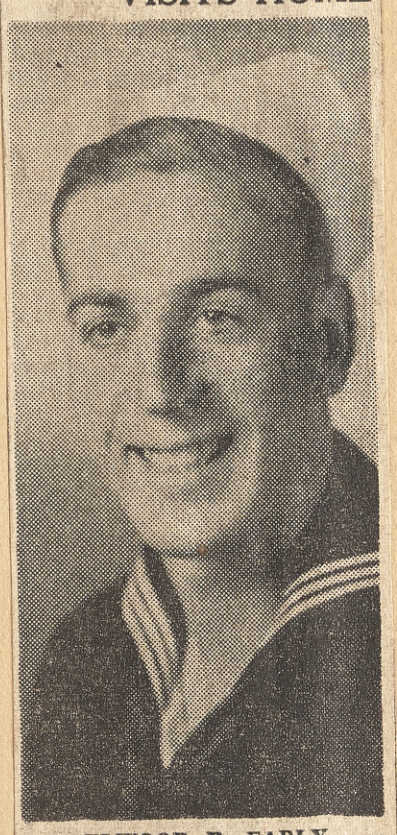
John H. Zimmerman, machinist mate, first class, veteran of both World Wars, has been discharged from the Seabees, and is now home with his wife and children at 2526 M street, Eureka.

A former employe of the Pacific Lumber Company, Zimmerman entered the service March 2, 1942. A veteran of much military service in World War I and in the National Guard before his present enlistment, he began actual training for World War II June 7, 1942.

Still a member of the Walker Bailey post, American Legion, at Fortuna, Zimmerman held several citations for the first war, and during duty in World War II he received the Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon, a presidential citation for the campaign of Okinawa and two battle stars.

Sat Aug 18-1945

ELWOOD EARLY VISITS HOME



ELWOOD B. EARLY

Elwood B. Early, aviation ordnanceman, second class, is home on 30 days leave.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Early, Ferndale, AOM2c Early is a graduate of Ferndale high school.

Overseas 23 months, he has earned 12 battle stars, the Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon, the American defense ribbon and a presidential citation while serving on an aircraft carrier.

Sat Aug 18-1945

Eureka Electrician May Have Ringside Seat For Signing Of Jap Surrender

Chief Electrician Clarence Smeds Lee of Eureka on the USS Missouri, which is one of eight or nine battleships in the huge armada of at least 133 American and British battleships keeping a watchful eye on Japan during the critical days preceeding the signing of the Japanese surrender preparations, might be said to have a ring-side seat for the historical event. There was talk, at one time, that the surrender pact might be signed on the Missouri.

In the navy eight years this November, Chief Lee served aboard a destroyer before the war and after Pearl Harbor was transferred

Chief Clarence S. Lee

to the USS Farrenholdt for two years, earning the rating of electrician, first class. He was promoted to chief electrician after he was assigned to the Missouri.

While aboard the Farrenholdt, Lee participated in egiht major battles in the South Pacific and in many minor engagements. At one time a tropedo was dropped so close to his ship that the "tin fish" bumped along the ship's hull as it traveled paralled to it. While everyone aboard waited breathlessly for the expected explosion, the torpedo sped on its way . . . and failed to explode.

Parents of the young naval evteran are Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Lee and his brother is Howard Lee. They live at 2729 L street.

Sat Aug 18-1945

Wins Bronze Star

Pfc. Jack Smith

Recently awarded the Bronze Star and bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Pfc. Jack Smith is in Mannheim, Germany, serving with the 84th Division, 334th Infantry, in a Medical Detachment.

Smith has been in the Army three years, two and a half in overseas service in Belgium, France and Germany. He was formerly employed by the California Barrel Company in Arcata and by the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company in Eureka.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Coward of Korbel and he is a brother of Betty Coward of Korbel, Mrs. Howard Walker and James Smith of Arcata.

Pfc. Smith's citation reads:

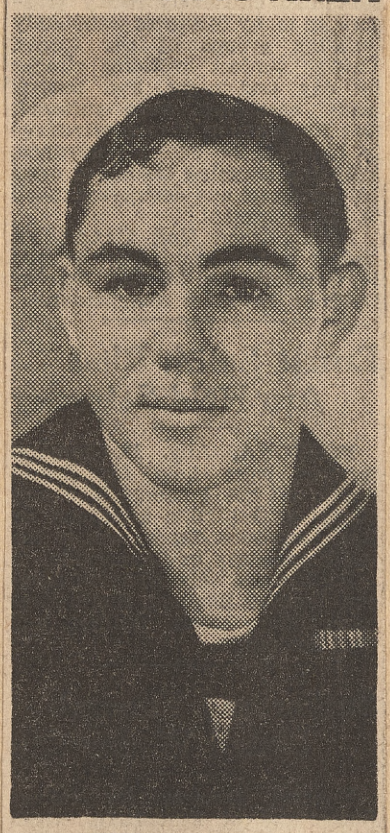
For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany, April 8, 1945.

When an infantry company had sustained numerous casualties during an attack on a German town and medical aid men of the unit were unable to treat all the wounded men, Pfc. Smith and four other men moved across 500 yards of open terrain exposed to constant enemy fire and, after administering first aid to casualties, worked tirelessly until every wounded man had been safely evacuated.

The courageous, aggressive action, loyalty and determined spirit displayed by Pfc. Smith undoubtedly resulted in saving many lives and are in accordance with the finest traditions of the military service at the United States.

Wed Aug 22-1945

GERALD HUNTER IN PACIFIC AREA



GERALD HUNTER

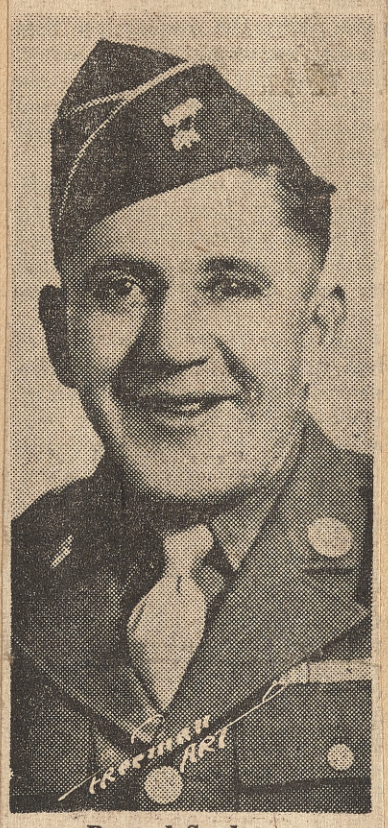
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hunter, Eureka, have received word from their son, Gerald Hunter, fireman, first class, that he became the owner of a Japanese sewing machine during the Okinawa campaign. However, the machine is not much use to him, he stated. He has no needles.

Hunter has been in the service two years.

Sun Aug 19-1945

War Veteran

Funeral Rites



Bernard Sanderson

ORLEANS, Aug. 18-For Bernard Sanderson of Eureka, who received a medical discharge recently from Army duty after serving as a technical-corporal in the Asiatic Pacific campaign, funeral rites were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Orleans Episcopal church.

Rev. John Barrett conducted the services and at Orleans cemetery military rites were under the auspices of American Legionnaires. The Pierce Mortuary, Eureka, directed arrangements.

Sat Aug 18-1945

From Germany

Flight Officer Watkins

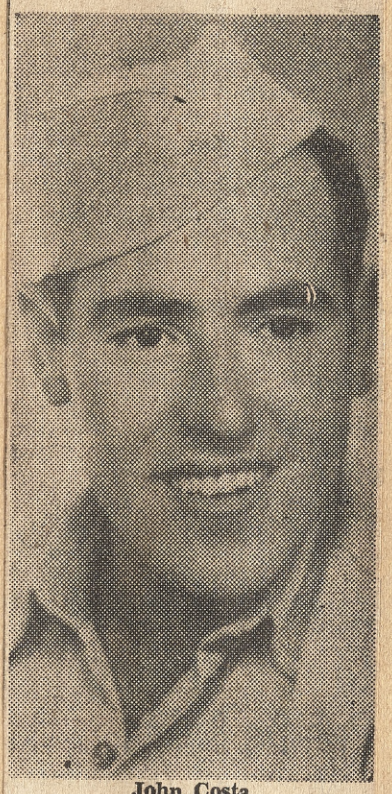
Returning from Germany, Flight Officer Joseph Watkins is home in Eureka on 30-day leave and is accompanied by his wife, Nita, formerly of Lincoln, Nebraska. They are visiting his mother, Mrs. O. B. Parker of 2417 C street, and his father, Robert Watkins of 937 Fifth street.

Flight Officer Watkins, an AAF pilot on a B-17, had completed 27 missions which Germany surrendered. He will report August 29 at Santa Ana for further training.

Tues Aug 21-1945

Overseas Vet

To Return Home



John Costa

BLUE LAKE, Aug. 21—Overseas three and a half years with the 32d (Red Arrow) Infantry Division, John Costa, a private first class, has been discharged and is returning to his Blue Lake home. He was a gunner in a 60-mm. motar squad. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Luis Costa.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

Costa's field of action has been the whole long "road back" from Australia through New Guinea to the Philippines. He fought at Buna when the 32nd became the first American division to launch an offensive against the Japanese in New Guinea. A presidential citation was won by the division for action at Buna, and also the right to wear the distinguished unit badge, the only award which is worn on the right uniform pocket.

Costa is also a veteran of Saidor and Aitape in New Guinea and of the bitter fighting in the Ormoc corridor on Leyte. Later he was in action on the Ville Verde Trail high in the precipitous Carabello mountains of northern Luzon. Besides the distinguished unit badge, he wears the combat infantryman's badge and the purple heart, which was awarded for wounds received on Leyte. Because of his wounds he was sent with his regiment to a rest area.

The following is a copy of General Orders, No. 155 of the 32nd division:

"The 32nd has accomplished its mission. The enemy has been destroyed and the Ville Verde Trail secured. A passage has been forced through the Caraballo mountains from the central plain to the entrance of the Cagayan Valley, thus hastening the completion of the Luzon Campaign.

"After 120 days of fierce hand to hand combat over terrain more difficult than any yet encountered in this war, the "Red Arrow" again pierced the enemy's lines. You have crushed completely another of the enemy's so-called impregnable defenses, brilliantly concluding the division's fifth campaign in the Pacific theater. I desire to express to every officer and enlisted man in the division as well as those attached my heartfelt appreciation of the courage and determination each has shown while playing his vitally important part on this long and arduous campaign.

"You have out fought and destroyed a cunning and determined enemy, an enemy occupying elaborately prepared defenses on ground of his own choosing. Your victory was impressive and decisive and one of which you may well be proud. It is with justifiable pride and complete confidence that I look forward to your continued success, into the heart of Tokyo.

"Signed: W. H. Gill, Major General,

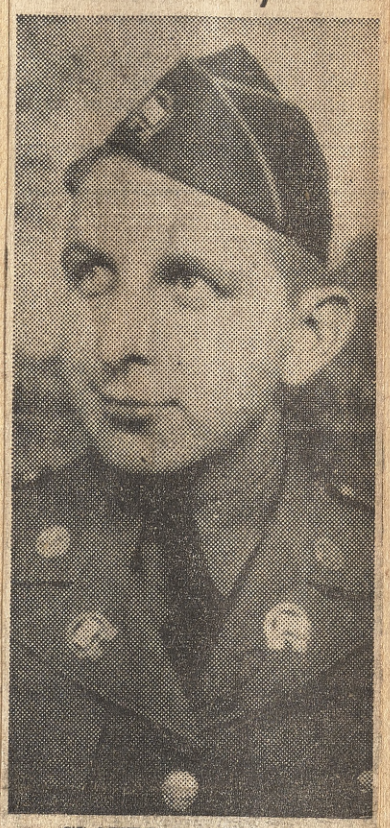
"U. S. Army, commanding."

Pvt. Costa. who is enjoying his first visit home since his induction, arrived here Monday evening and on the following evening his brother, Pfc. Fred Costa arrived from Camp Baele. He had recently spent his 30-day furlough here but was granted another leave upon learning of his brother's expected arrival. Eugene and Frank Costa, other brothers, are still in the Philippines.

Tues Aug 21-1945

Awarded Medal

In Ceremony Here



CLAYTON C. FRENCH

Clayton C. French of Pine Hill, who was a staff sergeant in the Army until he was discharged last November, was awarded the Silver Star Medal and Combat Infantry Badge yesterday afternoon in a ceremony held at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence J. French. Lt. Charles A. House, aide to the commanding general at Camp Beale, Marysville, made the presentation. French also holds the Purple Heart Medal.

The Silver Star citation reads: "For gallantry in action. On October 16, 1943, during a determined counter-attack upon our defensive position in Hill 501 near Liberi, Italy, Pct. French moved his machine gun from a covered emplacement to an exposed position in the right flank in order to have better observation to prevent a breach which was imminent, where, despite artillery and small arms fire striking close around him, he laid down a band of fire across the fight flank which was a major factor in breaking the attack."

The citation for the Combat Infantry Badge citation is "for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy."

French served eight years in the Army, enlisting in 1937 in the Field Artillery at Fort McDowell for service in Hawaii. After his second enlistment in August, 1940, he served with the 53rd Infantry, a machine gun outfit, at Fort Ord, and was transferred six months later to the 7th Infantry machine gun unit. He served in Italy with the 3rd Division, Fifth Army.

Thurs Aug 23-1945

WAR

Jms. Aug 14-1945

It's Official---President Truman Announces Japan Has Surrendered

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14. - President Truman announced fighting in the second world war has ended.

He also announced that General of the Army Douglas MacArthur has been appointed supreme commander of the Allied Army of Occupation in Japan.

MacArthur will rule Japan through Emperor Hirohito.

The President said:

"I have received this affernoon a communication from the Japanese government in reply to the message forwarded to that government by the Secretary of State of August 11.

"I deem this reply a full acceptance of the Potsdam declaration which specifies the unconditional surrender of Japan.

"In the reply there is no qualification.

"Arrangements are now being made for the formal signing of surrender terms at the earliest possible moment.

"General Douglas MacArthur has been appointed the supreme Allied commander to receive the Japanese surrender. Great Britain, Russia and China will be represented by high ranking officers.

"Meantime, the Allied armed forces have been ordered to suspend offensive action.

"The proclamation of V-J day must wait upon the formal signing of the surrender terms of Japan."

All fighting has stopped. A formal armistice will be signed by the Tokyo government in a few days.

Emperor Hirohito will remain indefinitely as a figurehead ruler under the complete control of the supreme commander of the occupation army.

This was the proviso laid down by the Allied "Big Four" in replying to the Jap peace offer. The Japanese government accepted the proviso today.

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The proclamation of V-J day must wait upon the formal signing of the surrender terms by Japan.

The President said that in receiving the Japanese surrender, General MacArthur will be accompanied by high ranking officers representing Great Britain, Russia and China.

Truman decreed tonight that tomorrow and Thursday will be a holiday for government employees in Washington and throughout the nation to celebrate the end of the second world war.

The war that Japan started on Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941, with a sneak attack on Pearl Harbor ended in total victory for Allied arms. It lasted 1,347 days.

The next steps Japan must take are to:

1. Sign a formal instrument of surrender.

2. Arrange for the surrender of an estimated six million troops and what is left of the Jap navy and air force.

3. Release 52,000 prisoners of war and civilian internees, for transportation home.

The "Big Four" meanwhile must complete arrangements for sending a huge army of occupation into Japan. The Jap's known streak of treachery compels the Allies to put overwhelming armed might into the Jap homeland to insure enforcement of the peace terms.

Although surrender is unconditional, the United States, Great Britain and China laid down in the Potsdam ultimatum of July 26 what they will demand from Japan. Russia now subscribes to these terms.

They provide that the power to make war shall be torn from the heart of Japan.

War criminals will be punished. Japan will have to give up the territory she grabbed during the last 50 years, and retreat to her home islands.

ENDS

Thurs Aug 14-1945.

Here's Text Of Japan's Message Accepting Surrender Terms

The following is the text of Japan's fateful message accepting unconditional surrender:

"Communication of the Japanese government of Aug. 14, 1945, addressed to the governments of the United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union and China:

"With the reference to the Japanese government's note of Aug. 10, regarding their acceptance of the provisions of the Potsdam declaration and the reply of the governments of the United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and China sent by American Secretary of State Byrnes under the date of Aug. 11, the Japanese government have the honor to communicate to the governments of the four powers as follows:

"1. His majesty the emperor has issued an imperial rescript regarding Japan's acceptance of the provisions of the Potsdam declaration.

"2. His majesty the emperor is prepared to authorize and ensure the signature by his government and the imperial general headquarters of the necessary terms for carrying out the provisions of the Potsdam declaration.

"His majesty is also prepared to issue his commands to all the military, naval and air authorities of Japan and all the forces under their control wherever located to cease active operations, to surrender arms and to issue such orders as may be required by the supreme commander of the Allied forces for the execution of the above mentioned terms."

HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH OF PRESIDENT ANNOUNCING JAPAN'S SURRENDER

MOST MOMENTOUS MOMENT IN MODERN TIMES—President Harry S. Truman of the United States of America is pictured in the White House as he "tells the world" that War's End is here! (Left to right, front row) Admiral William Leahy, chief of Staff to the President of the United States; Secretary of State James F. Byrnes; President Truman, calm, imperturable and happy, reading to the nation the heart-pulsating news that Japan has been brought to her knees, the Mad Dogs of Europe and Asia have been choked to death, at a frightful but worthwhile cost; Former Secretary of State Cordell Hull, venerable steerman of the State Department in the historically critical years of the terms of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt of universal memory. (International Soundphoto)

Thurs Aug 16-1945

The Atomic Bomb Did It
Hirohito Tells People

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15. -(U.P.)- Emperor Hirohito, in the first broadcast ever made to his 100,000,000 subjects, said today that the atomic bomb forced Japan to accept the first military defeat in the 2,605 years of her history.

The bespectacled "Son of Heaven," speaking four hours after President Truman announced that the Pacific War was over, said that the atomic bomb, dropped for the first time only nine days before, was "new and most cruel."

The Emperor spoke over the Japanese Broadcasting Corporation network at noon Tokyo time (11 P. M. Tuesday EWT.) It was the first time, with the exception of a few government and military officials and members of the royal family, that any Japanese had heard the voice of the Emperor.

Dispatches from Guam said that captured Japanese officers who listened to the broadcast on Okinawa believed there was no doubt that the Emperor made the broadcast in person - - presumably from his Imperial palace in Tokyo. The Emperor referred to himself with the imperial "we," reserved only for himself.

The Emperor, who soon must place himself under the direct command of Gen. Douglas MacArthur and other Allied military leaders, spoke solemnly as he read the imperial rescript.

"NEW AND MOST CRUEL BOMB"

" . . . The enemy has begun to employ a new and most cruel bomb, the power of which to do damage is indeed incalculable, taking a toll of many innocent lives," he said. "Should we continue to fight, it would not only result in an ultimate collapse and obliteration of the Japanese nation, but it would lead to the total destruction of human civilization."

Faced with the alternative of capitulation or "ultimate collapse and obliteration of the Japanese nation," the Emperor declared that "we have ordered the acceptance of the provisions of the joint declaration" of the United States, Great Britain, China and the Soviet Union.

The broadcast was beamed both to the home islands and Japanese-occupied territory in Asia. Japanese radio stations for hours had told the people to stand by for an important broadcast, without hinting that the man they may not dare look upon when he appears in public, would speak to them. Japanese morning newspapers withheld their editions until 1 P. M. so that they could carry the text of the broadcast.

EMPEROR'S OPENING WORDS

The Emperor's opening words were: "To our good and loyal subjects: After pondering daily the general trends of the world and the actual conditions obtaining in our empire today, we have decided to effect a settlement of the present situation by resorting to an extraordinary measure."

He said it was the solemn obligation of the Japanese, handed down by their imperial ancestors, to "strive for the common prosperity and happiness of all nations."

"Indeed, we declared war on America and Britain out of our sincere desire to insure Japan's self-preservation and the stabilization of East Asia, it being far from our thought either to infringe upon the sovereignty of other nations or to embark upon territorial aggrandizement," he said.

"But now the war has lasted for nearly four years. Despite the best that has been done by everyone - - the gallant fighting of military and naval forces, the diligence and assiduity of our servants of the state and the devoted service of our 100,000,000 people, the war situation has developed not necessarily to Japan's advantage, while the general trends of the world have all turned against her interest.

HIS REASON FOR SURRENDER

"Being the case, how are we to save the millions of our subjects; or to atone ourselves before the hallowed spirits of our imperial ancestors. This is the reason why we have ordered the acceptance of the provisions of the joint declaration of the United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union and China.

"Your total strength is to be developed for the construction of the future. Cultivate the ways of rectitude; foster nobility of spirit ,and work with resolution so as we may enhance the innate glory of the imperial state and keep pace with the progress of the world."

Premier Suzuki, also made a broadcast telling of the cabinet meeting at which surrender was agreed upon. He said, "The Emperor graciously listened" to the views and opinions of the others and then Hirohito declared:

"'In view of the world situation and our situation, and in view of the effort of the people, I do not wish to turn the country into a scorched earth, even though my life may be lost.'"

Suzuki attributed the defeat to the atomic bomb and entrance of Russia into the war.

PEOPLE APOLOGIZE TO EMPEROR

"We the people of Japan, simply cry and deeply express apology to the Emperor," Suzuki said. "In spit of the people's failure, he (the Emperor) did not scorn the people.

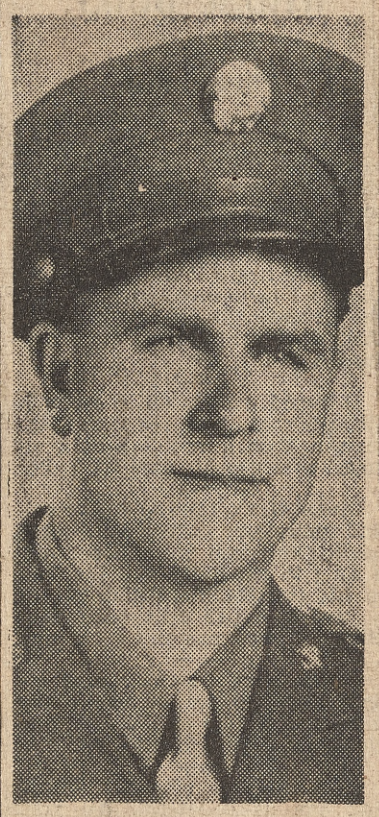
"On the contrary, he declared that he wished to save the people, even by losing his own life. All present (at the conference) could not help but cry, despite the fact that they were still in the presence of the Emperor."

The cabinet, after issuing a proclamation, announced that a postwar committee would be established to help the problems of the post-war recovery. A special cabinet meeting will be held today to help establish recovery.

The proclamation said that the time finally had come in which "there is no way to follow but to put an end to this state of affairs . . . our sense of sorrow and indignation is boundless."

Wed Aug 15-1945

Wins Promotion



Sgt. Charles Jessen

Stationed with the 7th Air Force at Hickam Field in Hawaii, Sgt. Charles H. Jessen of Eureka has recently been promoted to that rank, according to his wife, Berlette, of 38 Wabash avenue.

In AAF 27 months, Sgt. Jessen has been overseas two years. During the Spanish-American war his father, Jacob H. Jessen, served in the same area and saw the first American flag raised in Hawaii.

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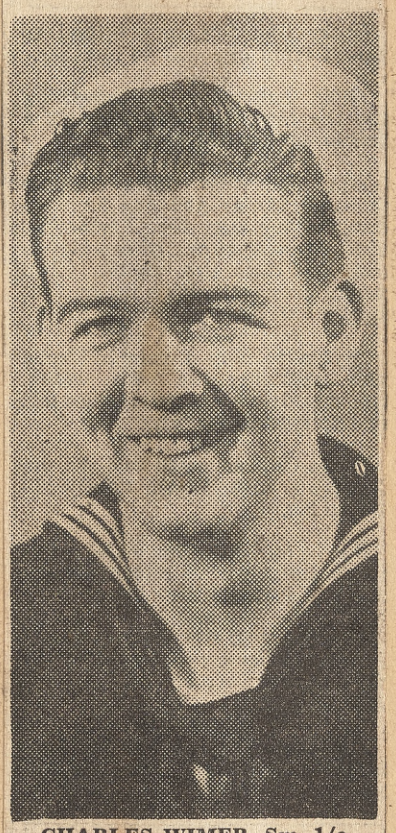
LEAVE ENDS



CHARLES WIMER, Sm, 1/c

On sea duty 23 months on a destroyer, Signalman 3/c Charles A. Wimer has reported back to duty after a 24-day leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wimer of 1432 Seventh street.

In the Navy three years, Wimer served in the South Pacific in many actions from the Leyte invasion to Okinawa. He attended Eureka High school and had been employed by the Hammond Lumber company.

He also visited while here with his brother and sisters, Howard and Norma Wimer, Mrs. Roy McIntosh and Mrs. Leland Thissell.(

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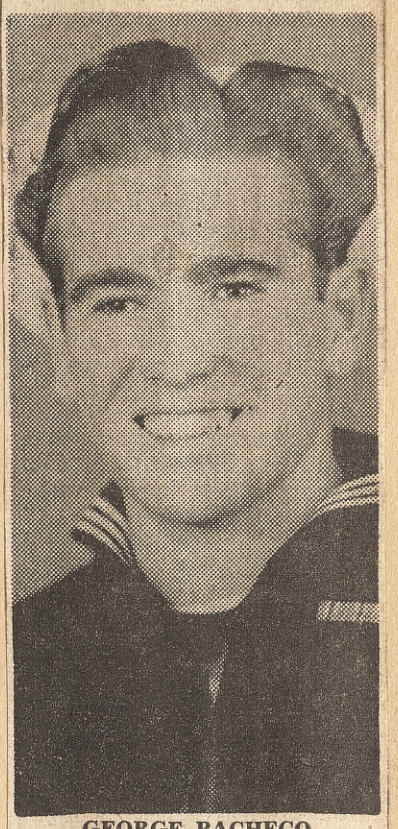
HOME ON LEAVE



GEORGE PACHECO

George Pacheco, S 1/c of the Samoa Coast Guard station, is home on a 30-day leave, visiting his mother, Mrs. Frank Tilheiro.

He has been in service for two years and aboard a transport for 18 months in the South Pacific.

He was given a dinner by his mother at the Big Four Inn, the table being decorated with sweet peas and fern and a cake bearing the words, "Welcome home, George."

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Olimpio Ormonde, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Rodrigues and son; John Santos and daughters; Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Nunes and grandson; Miss Jessie Pedro, all of Samoa.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vaz and family; Tony Rocha, of Hughson, and the hostess' sister, Mrs. Thomas Godfrey from Alameda who accompanied Pacheco home and remained to visit with the mother and brother for a week.

Serving aboard the same transport with Pacheco was Lee Coyle of Eureka.

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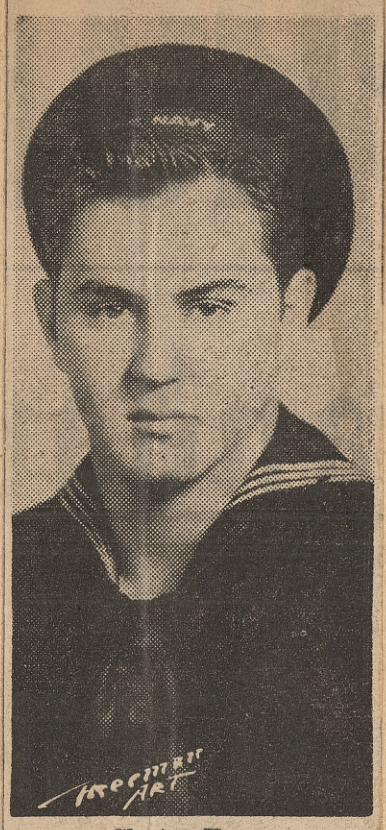
On Leave Here



Clayton Young

Clayton Young, seaman first class in the U. S. Navy, is spending a 30-day leave in Eureka after sixteen months of active service in the Pacific.

He is the son of Mrs. Nancy Young of 1722 Fourth street, Eureka, graduated from Sherman Institute at Riverside, and was employed by the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company before entering the service, and was a member of the C. B. & I. boxing team.

He has seen action in almost all of the Pacific compaigns, the Mariannas, Saipan, Tinian, the Philippine Islands, Leyte, Luzon and Okinawa. He won a citation for service in the Okinawa campaign.

At the end of his leave here, Young will report to San Francisco for further assignment.

Fri Aug 24-1945

In Hospital

On Luzon

Pfc. Carl Matson

Having been wounded a second time, Pfc. Carl S. Matson is hospitalized in a hospital on Luzon. Last month he received the Purple Heart Medal.

The serviceman's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Matson of 1127 Del Norte street.

Sat Aug 25-1945

Furlough Ends

Pfc. Jack Conolly

His 45-day furlough from South Pacific duty ended, Pfc. Jack Conolly has reported at Camp Beale after visiting here with his mother, Mrs. Henry Fredrickson of 3333 F street.

Pct. Conolly served three years overseas, in New Guinea and through the Philippine invasion with the 24th Infantry Division. He wears the Good Conduct and Combat Infantry Medals, five bronze battle stars, the Philippine Liberation and Asiatic - Pacific campaign ribbons.

Mon Aug 27-1945

Ends Furlough

Pvt. Lawrence Foster

Pvt. Lawrence Foster has reported for assignment at Fort Ord after being home on furlough to visit his wife, Ellabell, son, Larry, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Foster, and brother, George Foster, of Eureka.

The serviceman completed training at Camp Hood, Texas, before his furlough began. He graduated from Eureka high school and had been employed by the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company here.

Mon Aug 27-1945

RETURNS HOME

Pirrung C. Evans

A sergeant when he was recently discharged from the Army after four years in service, Pirrung C. Evans has returned to Eureka to resume his business activities as a partner in the firm of J. C. Evans and Son, roofing contractors. He came home from Manila.

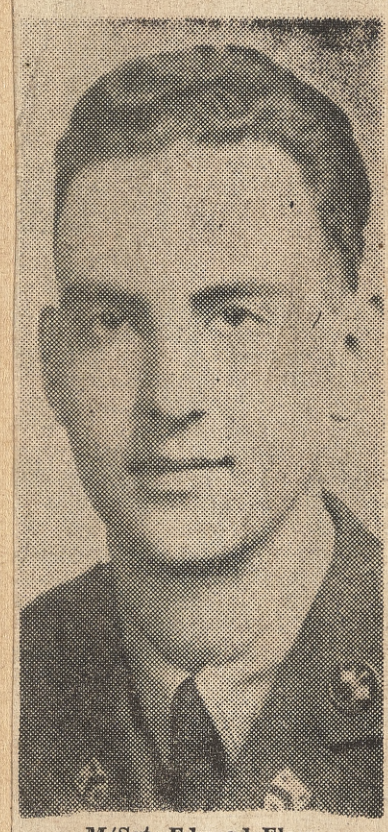
Evans served two years in the Alaskan area and two years in the New Guinea and Philippine areas as a company clerk in General MacArthur's headquarters.

The ex-serviceman says he was never happier than when he came home again, put away his campaign and sharpshooter medals and took up civilian duties and business interests where he left off four years ago. He is living at 2124 E street.

Thurs Aug 30-1945

Bronze Star

For Eurekan



M/Sgt. Edward Elam

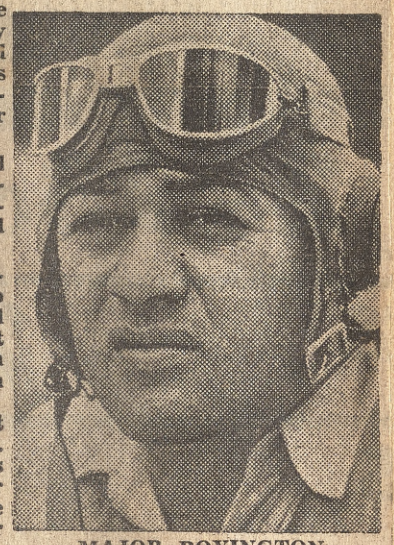
For meritorious conduct in operations against the enemy, Master Sgt. Edward M. Elam of Eureka will soon receive the Bronze Star Medal. He is now in the Hawaiian Islands.

Sgt. Elam, a graduate of Eureka High school, was employed here before entering active service with Company I, 184th Artillery, California National Guard in March, 1941. He was a radio signal service instructor in Florida and went overseas in August, 1944, served through the Leyte campaign. His father is Augustus M. Elam of 2195 Williams street.

Sat Sept 1-1945

Rescued Ace Tells Of Tortures In Jap Prisons

ABOARD THE MERCY SHIP REEVES OFF OMORI PRISON CAMP, TOKYO BAY, AUG. 30.-(UP)-Surviving 20 months of secret imprisonment and torture with a baseball bat, Maj. Gregory (Pappy) Boyington, 32-year-old ace from Okanagon, Wash., was rescued by an expedition commanded by Commodore Roger Simpson, he told me today.



MAJOR BOYINGTON

Boyington was reported dead when he was shot down over Rabaul in 1944. He had 28 Japanese planes and a congressional medal of honor to his credit.

His mother, Mrs. Grace Hallenbeck, of Okanogan, never gave up hope. She frequently expressed to newspapermen her belief that her son would return, although she had never heard from him directly or indirectly.

Boyington said he was shot down during the morning of Jan. 3, 1944. He had 22 MM. wounds on his head, neck, arms and ear and his ankle was broken. The main gas tank on his Corsair blew up.

"I flipped my plane on its back and unfastened the safety belt," Boyington said. "I dropped 100 feet to the water and was stunned by the impact."

Taking off his shoes and clothes, he treaded water. Four Japanese in Zekes strafed him until they ran out of ammunition.

"Finally I located the rubber boat from my plane and inflated it," he went on. "After a few hours, a Japanese submarine surfaced nearby and took me aboard off Cape St. George and transported me to Rabaul."

"At Rabaul, I was blindfolded and handcuffed and my medical equipment was taken away. I was questioned the whole night. I had no medical treatment for 10 days during which time my festering wounds smelled so foul I wondered how the Jap questioners could stand the stench.

"On the 11th day, another internee was permitted to apply hot water bandages.

CONTINUES GRILLING

"I was held for two months in Rabaul. I trekked into town daily from the camp in the outskirts for continuous grilling. Twenty other airmen were in the camp but I was a special prisoner and had no war prisoner privileges.

"In March, 1944, I was transported to a secret navy camp for questioning. It was in the country village of Ofuna, Japan. Here I was given the baseball bat treatment, standing with my hands tied while the guard slugged the back of my legs and my backside as hard as possible. The latter was so swollen I could see it over my shoulder.

"I was slugged in the jaw approximately 300 times. Similar beatings killed other prisoners. Even Jap civilians took part in administering the beatings. The barber who shaved our heads every two months delighted in taking pokes at us.

"A pharmacist's mate observed 1st Lt. Bill Harris, the son of Maj. Gen. Phil Harris, and who was captured at Corregidor, reading about Russia's success in Europe in a Japanese paper he had fished from the garbage can.

"The Jap called all prisoners into formation, then beat Harris a half-hour with a baseball bat. He knocked him down 20 times, until Harris finally became unconscious. The Jap kicked him in the face, ribs and stomach with heavy shoes."

Boyington said Harris recovered from his ordeal.

POLITENESS TREATMENT

On April 5, 1945, Boyington was transferred to Omori where "politeness was the order of the day." The prisoners were required to bow every morning to the Emperor, to bow politely from the waist to guards when they wished to use the toilet and to thank the guard for his courtesy.

Since most of the prisoners were suffering from dysentery, many could not conform to this rigamarole, Boyington said. They were then beaten or otherwise punished.

The menu consisted of a kilo of maize and rice mixed together, a mess which tasted like chalk. This basic item was supplemented by soy bean soup which was mostly water. An occasional treat was a fish head or seaweed. Boyington's normal weight of 175 pounds fell off to 110 until he got a job as a kitchen assistant. Then his year-old hunger and available food brought him up to 190 pounds.

The marine ace, who still has boundless energy but a jaundiced complexion now weighs 160 pounds.

Thurs Aug 30-1945

Visiting Home

PFC. EDWARD SALLADY

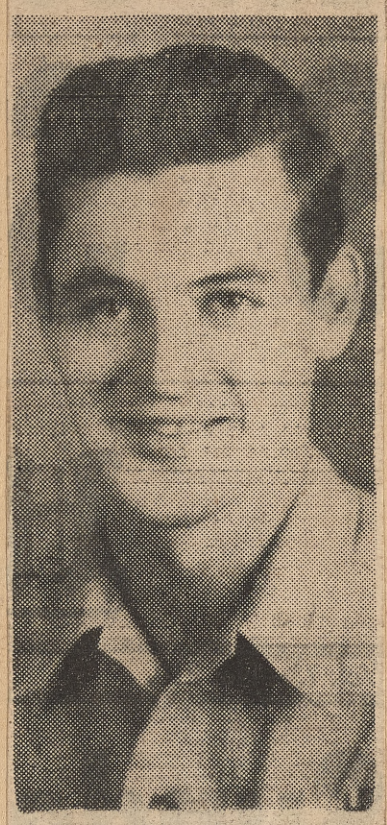
ARCATA, Sept. 1.-Pfc. Edward Sallady of the Fifth Army Combat Engineers, has arrived home to spend a 30 day furlough with his father, Frank Sallady of Alliance, and his mother, Mrs. Lera Havens. Pfc. Sallady joined the Army in May, 1943 and has been overseas 22 months, having been stationed in North Africa and participating in major campaigns in Italy, where he was engaged in combat offensives when Germany surrendered.

He was returning from Europe for duty in the South Pacific, having only been at sea nine days when Japan surrendered and the troop transport, General Stewart, carrying 3500 ETO veterans was ordered to New York. Pfc. Sallady said the celebration on the ship with its heavy cargo of service men was one he will never forget. He will return to Camp Jackson, South Carolina, for reassignment or release from the Army.

Pfc. Sallady has two brothers in the service, Cpl Adrian Salady, who enlisted in 1943 and served overseas for 15 months, now stationed at Santa Ana, and Seaman 2/c Frank Sallady who enlisted in 1945 and is now in the Hawaiian Islands. All three received their education in Arcata schools, all being students of the high school when they went into service.

Sat Sept 1-1945

Okinawa Vet Wounded



S/Sg. Almando Giorgi

While serving with the 7th Infantry division on Okinawa, where he is recovered and awaiing return to the United States for discharge, Staff Sgt. Almando Giorgi was wounded four times. Coming from Sacramento, Sgt. Biorgi was stationed here for six months before going overseas and was married to Gloria Giacone, who is living here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Giacone of 923 Myrtle avenue.

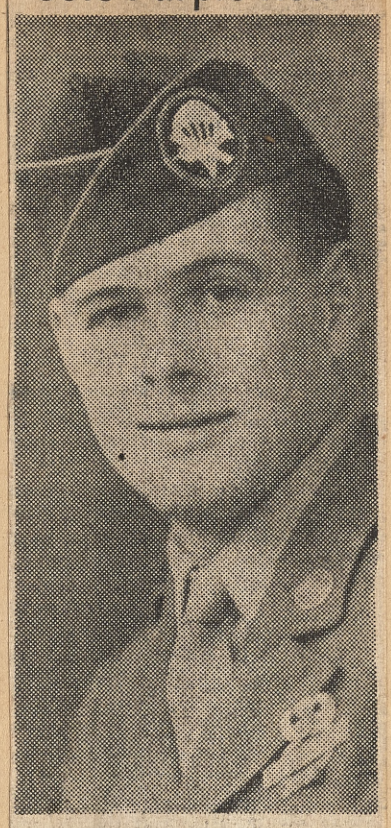
The sergeant rendered distinguished service on Okinawa by taking command of his platoon in the battle for Hill 153 when his officer had been wounded.

Although he participated in campaigns on Attu, Kwajalein and Leyte, the battle for Hill 153 was one of the toughest he had been in, Giorgi relates.

"I have never seen so much flying lead," he recounted. "Enemy machine guns fired at us constantly as we tried to get up the step sides of the hill. Mortars and artillery were falling all around us and six men in my platoon had holes shot through their helmets by snipers. It was a nightmare and I'll never know how we took the hill."

Sat Sept 1-1945.

Gets Purple Heart



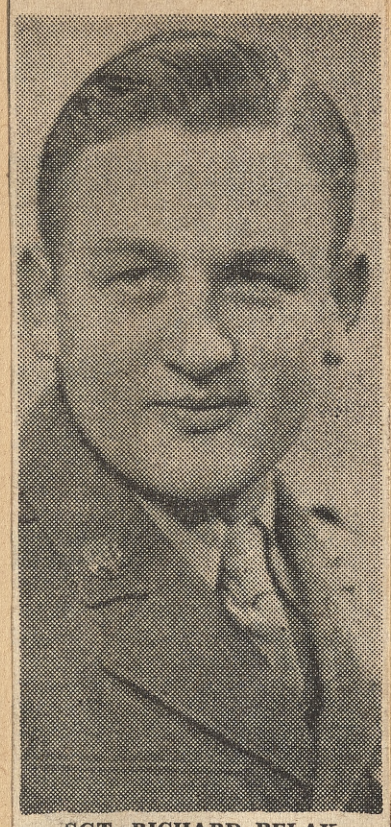
PFC. LESTER BARTLEY

BAYSIDE, Sept. 1.-For wounds incurred in the Bastogne battle, Pfc. Lester Bartley of Bayside has received the Purple Heart Medal. He also holds the Combat Infantrymans badge and a Presidential Citation.

Bartley was attending Arcata High school when he entered the Army two years ago, served overseas a year. Formerly with the "Screaming Eagles," he is now with occupational troops at Berchtesgaden, Germany. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Bartley of Bayside.

Mon. Sept 3-1945

ON FURLOUGH



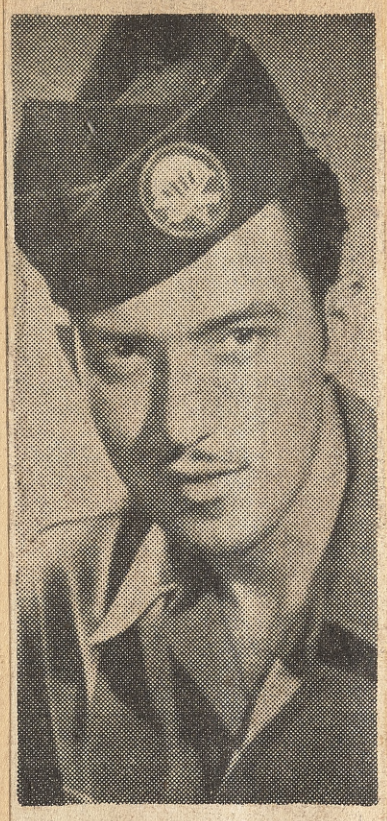
SGT. RICHARD BELAK

After 22 months in England with the Eighth Air Force ground crew, Sgt. Richard Belak is home on 30-day furlough to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Belak of 3334 S street, before reporting to Camp Beale.

He attended Eureka High school and was a shipyard welder before entering the Army two and a half years ago.

Mon Sept 3-1945

ON FURLOUGH



Cpl. Robert Nitsche

Home on 30-day furlough after completing 18 months in the European theatre with the Allied First Army and the 517th Parachute Infantry Combat Team in the 460th Parachute Field Artillery, Corporal Robert Nitsche is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Nitsche of Somes Bar.

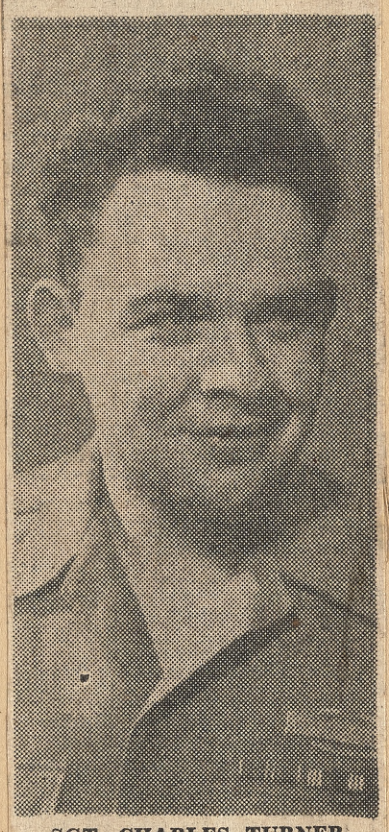
Cpl. Nitsche saw action in Italy, southern France and on December 14th of last year was sent on the mission to Rundstedt's breakthrough "Belgium Bulge". Since last February he has been stationed at Joigny, France. He is now assigned to the 13th Airborne Division which was scheduled for action in the South Pacific.

The paratropist has the Mediterranean-European ribbon with five Battle Stars, one Spearhead and the Good Conduct Medal.

Entering the service in May, 1942, Cpl. Nitsche trained at Camp Mackall, North Carolina, took his jump training at Fort Benning, Georgia, with the 17th Airborne Division. He will report to Camp Beale October 1, then return to Camp Mackall.

Thurs Sept 6-1945

Wins Promotion



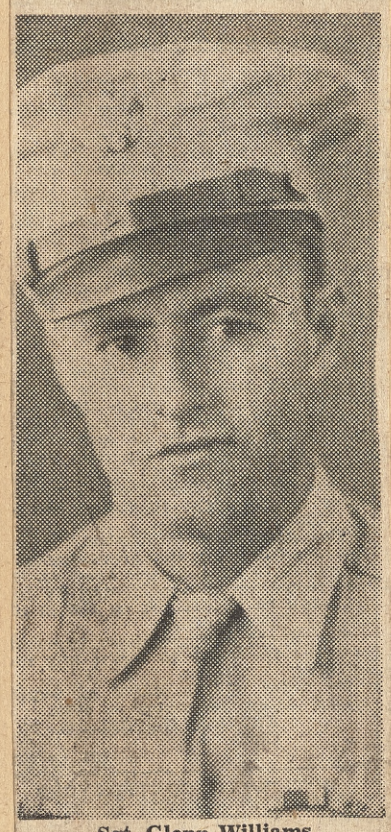
SGT. CHARLES TURNER

Sgt. Charles H. Turner, serving with the 95th Division in Czechoslovakia, has recently been promoted to that rank from private first class. He holds the Bronze Star and Good Conduct Medals, the Combat Infantrymans badge, a Unit Citation and four Battle Stars.

Turner is now assigned to public relations office and is taking a course in news writing. He is a graduate of Eureka High school and is a brother of Martha Jones of Blue Lake.

Mon. Sept. 3-1945

ON OKINAWA



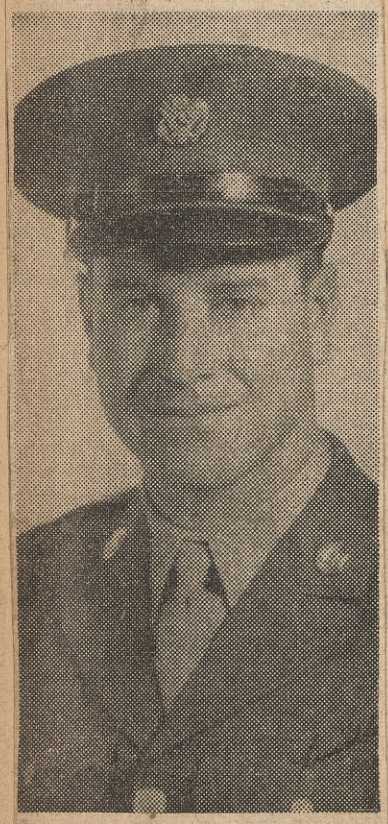
Sgt. Glenn Williams

Sgt. Glenn Williams of Freshwater, serving with the famous 7th Division on Okinawa, is still there awaiting return to the United States. He has participated in operations on Attu, Kwajalein, Leyte and Okinawa, holds the Good Conduct Medal, wears the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with four Battle Stars.

He was formerly employed by the Hammond Lumber company. When he returns he and Rena Bonera, employed by the telephone company at San Rafael, will be married.

Thurs Sept 6-1945

To Return Home



VERSELL V. COLE

T/4 Versell V. Cole, whose address is Star Route, Arcata, soon will be home.

He has reported to the "Green Project", an air lift distribution center at Camp Blanding, Florida, according to announcement made by Major M. S. Edelstein, commanding officer of the center.

Versell Cole was in a recent shipment of men who were returned to the United States from the European theatre of operations by way of Miami, by planes of the air transport command. He had spent 31 months overseas and is looking forward to an enjoyable visit with his his family and many friends and relatives, the commanding officer said.

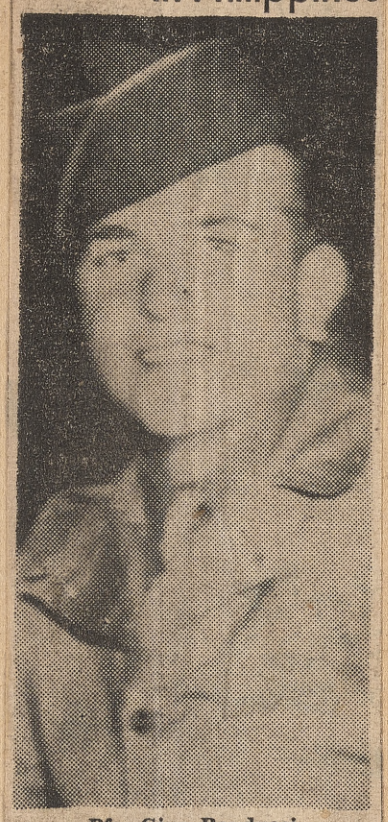
Returnees who pass through the "Green Project" are sorted for transfer to a reception center of their own choosing. This choice is made by the men while they are still overseas, and is usually based uopn the place where they desire to spent their returnee furlough.

Men who are eligible for immediate discharge will go directly to separation centers nearest their home for processing before going home.

Tues Sept 4-1945

Bronze Star

In Philippines



Pfc. Gino Banducci

Now on Luzon with the 37th Infantry Division, Pfc. Gino J. Banducci of Eureka has recently received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Banducci of 139 Second street.

A graduate of Nazareth convent school, Banducci was attending Eureka high school when he entered the army two years ago. He has been overseas 18 months, serving in the Medical Corps.

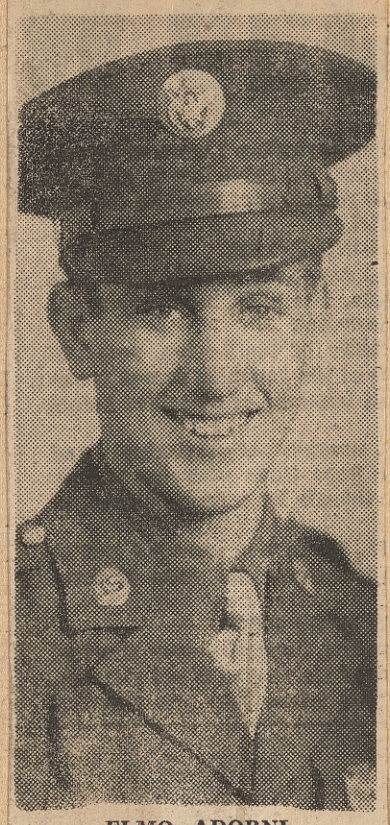
The Citation accompanying the Bronze Star medal reads: For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon from January 9 to July 31, 1945. Pvt. Banducci, an ambulance driver, worked long hours under trying and hazardous conditions to evacuate wounded men from the front lines to medical aid in the rear.

In a great many instances to protect his charges, the ambulance driver had to travel the out-of-way roads to guarantee safe travel. In Manila, road obstacles, blackout conditions and constant enemy fire made driving hazardous. In the mountain campaigns, steep hills, sharp curves, sniper fire and road blocks kept the drivers under a constant strain.

Despite these hazards, Pvt. Banducci courageously carried on his work of evacuating soldiers from the war torn areas and was instrumental in saving the lives of many men.

Sat Sept. 8-1945.

Visiting Home



ELMO ADORNI

Home from the European Theater of Operations, T-5 Elmo F. Adorni is visiting relatives in Eureka after which he will report back to Camp Beale.

Elmo Adorni entered service in 1942 and served 18 months overseas. He has five campaign stars for Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe. He holds the Combat Infantryman badge, Good Conduct and ETO ribbons.

He is a brother of Glenn Adorni in Italy and Melvin Adorni, now stationed in Santa Rosa. They are sons of Adam J. Adorni of Eureka and Mrs. Clyde Watkins of Santa Rosa, brothers of Arvil Adorni and Mrs. Philip Hawkins of Eureka.

Mon Sept 10-1945

Eureka Youth Awarded Bronze Star

As General Wainwright Looks On

Radio expert M/Sgt. Edward M. Elam, center, 2915 Williams street, Eureka, receives the bronze star medal from Lieutenant General Robert C. Richardson, Jr., commanding Army forces, Middle Pacific, as General Jonathan Wainwright, hero of Corregidor, looks on.

Sergeant Elam, as member of a laboratory staff which analyzed captured enemy signal equipment, conducted research which supplied American signalmen with vital information on Japanese radio and radar sets.

Picture is an official U. S. Army photograph.

Fri Sept 14-1945.

Returns Home

From South Pacific

Donald Lee Bloyd

Home from the the South Pacific on 24-day leave from the U. S. Navy is Donald Lee Bloyd, seaman first class. He is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bloyd, 1905 Henderson street, Eureka.

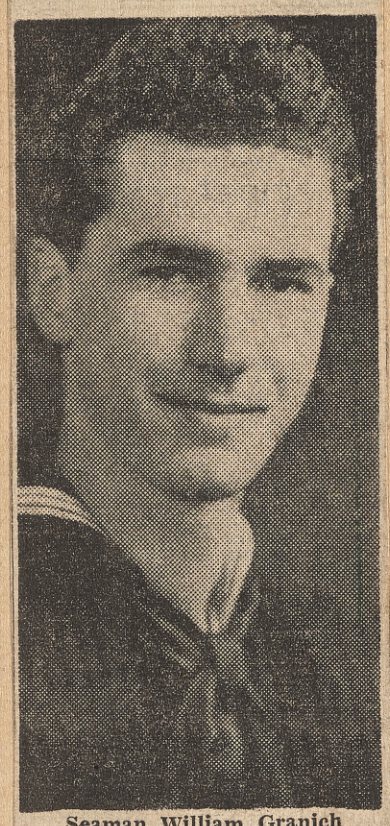
Bloyd left school here about two years ago to enlist in the Navy at the age of 17. He recently celebrated his nineteenth birthday. He spent fourteen months in the Pacific area and wears six battle stars on his campaign ribbon. Two of the major battles he was in were Okinawa and Iwo Jima.

He wears campaign ribbons of the Asiatic - Pacific American Theatre, and Philippine Liberation campaigns. At the end of his leave he will report back to his ship, the flat top carrier Sergeant Bay, at Long Beach.

Seaman Bloyd has a twin brother, Ronald Bloyd, in the Army and now overseas. Ronald left the United States about three months ago.

Sat Sept 15-1945

At Officers School



Seaman William Granich

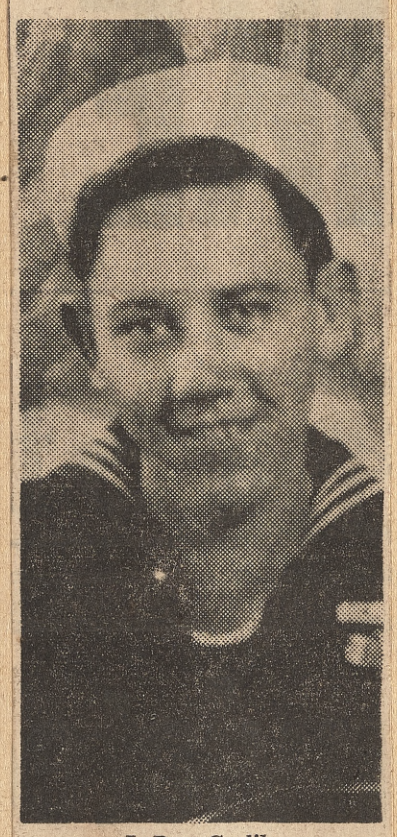
Continuing an engineering course, William M. Granich, seaman first class, of Eureka is now in the V-12 naval officer training school at Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago.

A graduate of Eureka High school Granich attended Humboldt State college two years before enlisting in the Naval Reserve. Prior to selection for this course, he served aboard a Liberty ship as a radioman in the Armed Guard. He spent 18 months overseas in the South Pacific area. Since being in the V-12 program, he has attended Princeton University, New Jersey.

His sister, Miss Lillian Granich, is returning soon to San Jose to resume her teaching position, having spent the summer here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Granich.

Wed. Sept 12-1945

RELEASED



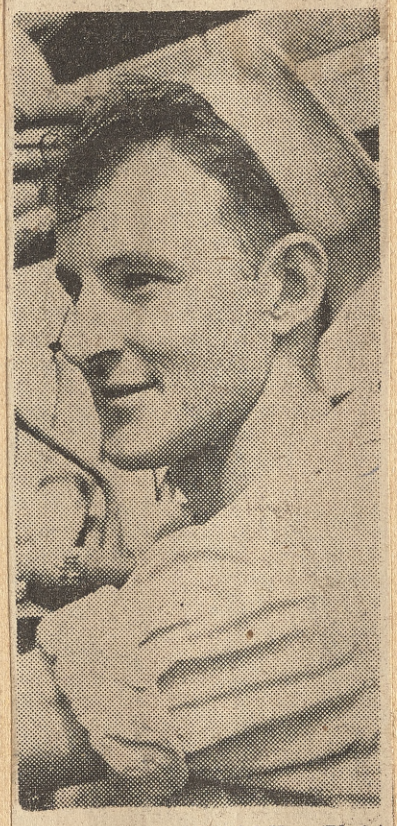
LeRoy Carlile

Participating in action for six months in Africa, France and England before being stationed in New York, LeRoy Carlile has been released from duty in the Coast Guard. He was a seaman first class.

Before enlisting he attended local schools. Carlile is now home with his father W. L. Carlile of 1453 East avenue.

Wed Sept 19-1945

On Natoma Bay



(Official Navy Photo)

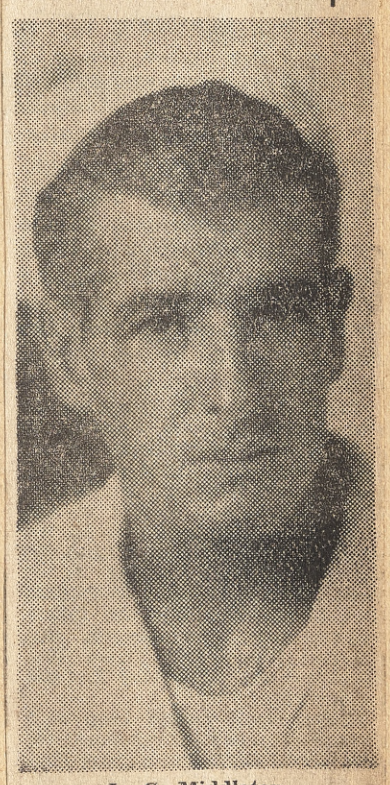
J. E. GIACOMINI

A machinists mate 1c, J. E. Giacomini, 22, of Ferndale is a member of the crew aboard the famed fighting ship, USS Natoma Bay, which served in every major battle in the Pacific from the Mariannas to Okinawa.

Before enlisting in the Navy in August, 1942, he operated his own dairy business. His wife, Helen, lives in Scotia and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Giacomini, in Ferndale.

Thurs Sept 20-1945

Returns To Camp



L. C. Middleton

After being home on 30-day leave to visit his wife and family who live in Marine View Terrace, L. C. Middleton, shipfitter 3c, has reported to Camp Shoemaker for reassignment.

Middleton has served 17 months on active duty in the South Pacific aboard the USS Feland, an APA ship.

Tues Sept 25-1945

Crannell Youth Gives Interesting Account Of Life In U. S. Navy

Aboard the USS Cape Gloucester, John Barton Smith, watertender 3c in the Navy, has sent an interesting account of his Navy life since he went aboard after she was commissioned.

Smith was 19 years old when he enlisted four years ago after attending Crannell school. He has served all that time in the Pacific area. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith of Star Route, Crannell, and he has two brothers and seven sisters, all living in Crannell and Sacramento.

John B. Smith, WT 3c

Written August 26, the following account of the Cape Gloucester's career was sent to Smith's parents:

At Sea,
August 26, 1945.

Now that the war is over I can tell you some parts of the story of my ship from the time we left the States until this moment. Of course, I still cannot tell you where I am or what we'll do in the future, but you'll understand why.

The Cape has been a winner from the day she was commissioned. Even in our battle problem before leaving San Diego we scored higher than any ship in our class up to that time. And we have stayed on top all the way—whether it be shooting down enemy planes or trimming our neighboring carrier's basketball team.

Our cruise was pretty short—that is, operationally; but we have five Jap flags painted on the bridge. More of this later. Before we start at the beginning, we've put 21,000 miles under the keel since we left North Island (San Diego) on May 23. Our first stop was Pearl Rarbor, where we arrived seven days later. The weather was fine all the way.

We stayed at Pearl Harbor and vicinity for a couple of weeks, going out twice for training and the pilots holding night flying exercises. I take my hat off to our pilots because carrier flying, hazardous at best, presents the most difficulties during night operations. While at Hawaii we had liberty several times and all hands managed to visit Honolulu and fill up on pineapple juice and beer. The former seems to be the island's favorite non-alcoholic drink.

We left Pearl Harbor the 14th of June and the next leg of the voyage was a long one—to Leyte, in the Philippine Islands. We dropped anchor in San Pedro Bay, several miles off shore, right in the middle of a massive array of naval power. We didn't stay long—arrived June 29 and sailed on our first mission July 1. I forgot to mention that we crossed the International Date Line on June 18, which immediately pushed us into June 19. A day is lost going west and a day is gained when going east in the crossing.

IN ESCORT GROUP

Well, first night out we got the dope. We were to be part of an escort carrier group to provide air cover for an important task force in the East China Sea. We steamed northward, passed off Formosa and on the third day joined up with battlewagons, cruisers, other CVEs and plenty of destroyers. It certainly was hot. During mid-day, I bet an egg could have been fried on the catwalk.

Air coverage means that the ships of our forces are given protective umbrellas by the carrier planes. We have two squadrons on this flatop—fighter and torpedo bomber planes. The pilots and service crews are Marines. The second day of the mission we were at general quarters in the morning because enemy planes were detected in the area, when we got the word over the P. A. system that one of our Corsair fighters was hot after a Jap. And the first "kill" for the Cape was made by First Lieutenant Philip E. Fuller, of Kansas City, Mo. Also, it was his first time in combat.

Later, we pulled into an anchorage and stayed overnight. It was "hot" at the time, because Kamikaze planes made it one of their favorite hunting grounds. We were GQ most of the night.

Toward the end of the month we got warnings of a typhoon and we ran away from it. The seas were pretty heavy but we missed the brunt of the storm. On the twenty-third day of July we scored our second enemy plane and that after noon a third was shot down. There's quite a story connected with the pilot who shot down the second plane—a twin-engine reconnaissance job.

He is 1st Lt. Carroll R. Vogelaar of Wilmington, Calif., six feet three inches tall and tipping the beam at 225 pounds—one of the biggest fighter pilots in the business. He was operated on for acute appendicitis aboard ship just before we pulled into Leyte. And the day he scored his first Jap was exactly 26 days after the operation.

The third kill was made by Lt. Col. Donald K. Yost of Charleston, S. C., who bagged a dive bomber around 20,000 feet. This made seven for the Colonel, who is Air Group Commander, as he had six on the books that he shot down in the early days of the Solomons campaign. Incidentally, he got those six planes in 24 hours—two in the afternoon and four the next morning, which is good hunting anywhere. To get ahead of the story, he knocked a second one out of the sky on the 5th of August, so he is responsible for two-fifths of the flags that decorate the bridge.

During the latter part of the month we were back at the Japs and our planes took off for a strike at enemy shipping off the China coast. The hunting was bad; didn't see a single enemy ship or barge.

DODGE TYPHOON

A few days later another typhoon hit the area but we dodged it. The seas were very heavy and broke over the fight deck up forward. We rolled and pitched plenty. I watched the "cans"—destroyers—and marvelled that they remained upright. They tell me they can take a 60-degree roll. I don't want to be on one when it does. For three days this went on and finally the Pacific became more pacific.

1st Lt. Thomas W. Doyle of Los Angeles, scored the next "kill". Incidentally, he has been in Tokyo, Kobe, Osaka and other large cities on the Japanese homeland a number of times; was a storekeeper on a Dollar liner from 1934 to 1936. His victim was a transport plane that he chased 50 miles and caught at 7,000 feet. He got in one burst and the plane caught fire. That was that. If I'm in L. A. after the war I'll look him up for a few passes as he and his brother are partners in promoting boxing and wrestling.

Another strike came up for the Cape; this time against some Jap-held harbor and an airfield on the East China coast. Our planes hit the seaplane facilities and scored 20 direct hits with rockets on a cargo vessel lying off shore. A couple of our planes were slightly damaged by enemy anti-aircraft fire but all made three point landings on the flight deck. This about wound up the China Sea mission, and I might add that we earned a "well done" from Admiral Nimitz for our work. The pilots who bagged enemy planes were awarded Air Medals and Colonel Yost, already holding this decoration, was presented two gold stars in lieu of additional medals.

HEAR ABOUT ATOMIC BOMB

The Cape was at anchor when we got first news of the atomic bomb. It makes Buck Rogers look like a piker. But no need of going into that. Oh, yes, less than three days before the "cease hostilities" order was given, a warship near us was hit by an aerial torpedo. And later, a Jap plane dropped a bomb on a transport in our area.

We've been pretty lucky. There was the day one of the pilots, coming in for a landing and getting a wave-off, dropped a bit to low and his left wheel and left stabilizer were knocked off by hitting the Landing Signal Officer's screen. He got the plane in the air and it looked like a one-legged pidgeon. He flashed the word that he was going to bail out and we watched him dive out at 3000 feet. His parachute opened like a big flower and he swung like a pendulum. The plane did a nose dive and hit the water with a terrific splash. One of our escort destroyers picked up the pilot a few minutes later. Save for a ducking, he was uninjured.

One of the highlights of the cruise is the gunnery practice we had in the East China Sea, right in Hirohito's back yard. Planes pulled sleeve targets around the task force and the gunners opened up with everything from smallest anti-aircraft guns to the battleships' biggest ones. This was done several times. Well, there was nothing more substantial to fire at and the gunners wanted to keep their "shootin'" eyes in practice.

We were at sea for 60 days—from Pearl Harbor—before we got a chance to use our legs on terra firma. I went ashore on one of the recreation parties to a small island in this area and enjoyed swimming, two bottles of beer and browsing through a ruined village—ruined by our bombs and shells. This little recreation after so many unbroken weeks at sea and after being continuously alert for the Japs 24 hours a day, for so long, really seemed good. We have now had what we've long looked forward to—a chance to catch up with sleep and correspondence; to work on our sun tans; to get in a few basketball games; to hear a little music, including a knockout orchestra led by Ray Anthony, who used to be with Glenn Miller.

MIGHTY U. S. FLEET

Those few days which aren't quite so crowded with activity as those before the Japs buckled, have let us look back on some of the recent things that stand out best. A never-to-be-forgotten sight is the strength and size of our fleet. We saw many warships at Pearl, but that show of power was really dwarfed by what we saw at other anchorages. The sleek battlewagons, the new battle cruisers and the large number of flattops made me gasp. As far as the eye could reach there were battleships, destroyers, cruisers, transports, freighters, landing craft, repair vessels—everything. I told myself I'm glad all these ships are on our side.

Incidentally, we always got a thrill when we saw one of the old battleships, now entirely modernized, tracking down the Japs. These are the same battleships the Japs attacked and sent to the bottom at Pearl Harbor. But now we've raised them up, given them new guns and armor and sent them against the Japs once again. The enemy must have thought he was seeing ghosts when these battlewagons loomed over the horizon.

One other thing I want to mention to you as a standout on the Cape are church services, usually held on the hangar deck. Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and Mormon services take care of officers and men of all faiths. We are very lucky, indeed, to have for our services a Hammond organ that is the gift of the Order of the Eastern Star, New York. Chaplain Fred Masters Holloway of Rutherford, N. J., arranged for the contribution and it doubles in brass for the daily recitals of popular selections. Our organist is Lt. Charles D. Walker of Glen Ridge, N. J., and his request repertoire runs from Bach to "Stardust". His "concert hall" is the forward elevator lowered a few feet below the flight deck, where the boys gather 'round like gallery gods. These short, daily concerts are really enjoyed but they are not to be confused with the main job of the organ—music at church services.

These recent days have given us a chance to do much painting, and the Cape has been getting a new coat of wartime gray, both inside and outside. Inside, it goes on the deck. Also, we've been getting the boilers cleaned out and checking over the great amount of machinery that makes one of these ships tick. In short, we've been busy getting ready for the next assignment. We don't know what it will be, but most of us hope we will be in on the occupation of Tokyo or one of the other big ports of the Jap home islands. Anyway, all hands are alert for whatever turns up.

Thurs Sept 20-1945.

Fortunan Freed

Enroute Home

Cpl. Sewell Lufkin

FORTUNA, Sept. 26—Captured on Guam in December, 1941, and a prisoner of war at Osaka, Japan, since then Cpl. Sewell R. Lufkin of the Marine corps, is enroute home, according to word received by his father, Robert Lufkin, and sister, Mrs. Carl Cheeseman of Fortuna.

The family received a broadcast message from him last December and not long before V-J Day heard from indirectly through another prisoner's broadcast from Japan.

His brother, Howard, is with the Air Forces in China, and another brother, Alan, is with the Air Forces in Dutch East Indies. A nephew, Wallace Patterson, is aboard a destroyer in the South Pacific.

Wed Sept 26-1945.

Gets Discharge

Will Return Home

Jack Daly

From duty as first lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps, Army Air Forces, Jack Daly was discharged last Tuesday and later will resume his position here as an executive of Daly Brothers department store. His mother is Mrs. J. F. Daly of 1105 H street.

Enlisting in 1941, Daly served three years overseas in Australia and New Guinea.

A week from tomorrow the former officer and Miss Marnie Burns of Albuerquerque, New Mexico, will be married.

Tues Sept 21-1945

Gets Discharge

Delton R. Henley

In the Army since June, 1940, Delton R. Henely of Scotia has received his discharge from military duties and recently visited at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Henley of Scotia. He was a machine gunner and served overseas since January, 1943, with the 3rd infantry division.

Henley was awarded the Pre-Pearl Harbor and Good Conduct medals, two Bronze Stars for Tunesia and Rome-Arno campaigns.

Now in San Jose, Henley is assistant manager of a theater and is also studying drafting at the college.

He is a brother of Arthur Henley in the Navy, Victor Henley in the Army, L. B. Henley of San Jose, Edawrd Henley of Eureka and Joseph Henley of Los Gatos.

Mon. Sept 24-1945.

From Germany

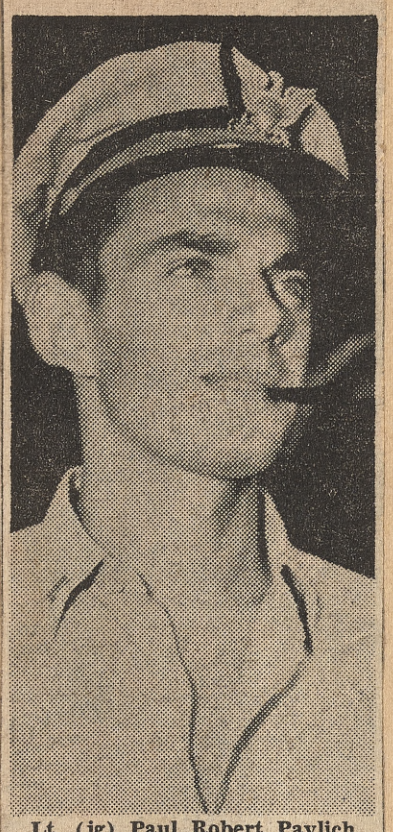
Flight Officer Watkins

Returning from Germany, Flight Officer Joseph Watkins is home in Eureka on 30-day leave and is accompanied by his wife, Nita, formerly of Lincoln, Nebraska. They are visiting his mother, Mrs. O. B. Parker of 2417 C street, and his father, Robert Watkins of 937 Fifth street.

Flight Officer Watkins, an AAF pilot on a B-17, had completed 27 missions which Germany surrendered. He will report August 29 at Santa Ana for further training.

Tues. Sept 21-1945

In Coast Guard



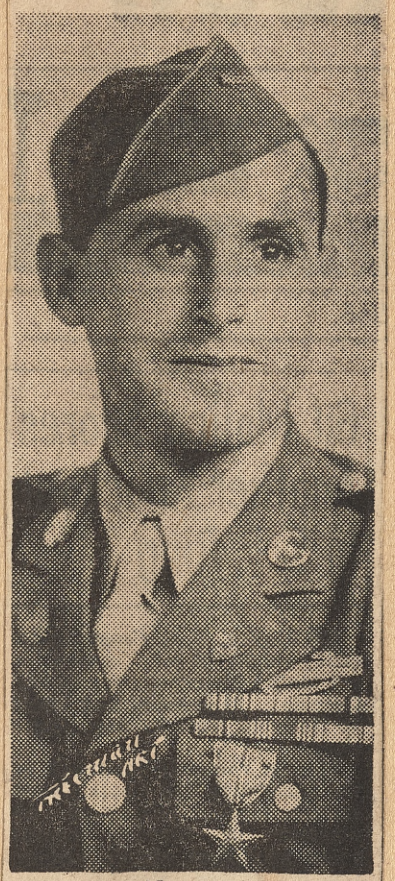
Lt. (jg) Paul Robert Pavlich

Coast Guard Lt. (jg) Paul Robert Pavlich of Eureka is shown here aboard a Coast Guard-manned LST in the Pacific as he contributed to the defeat of the Japs. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Pavlich, live at 315 Q street, the elder Pavlich serving now in the Seabees.

Fri Sept 28-1945

Out Of Army

After Six Years



Alex Dias

ARCATA, Sept. 29.—A private first class in the Army, veteran of six years service and a hero in actions in the South Pacific, Alex Dias has been released from military duty and is at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dias of Fickle Hill. He was overseas three years.

Dias was in the 40th Infantry Division, known as "Eichelberger's Butchers," and participated in the battles of Guadalcanal, New Britain, Northern and Southern Philppines, fighting on eight of the islands. The Bronze Star and Silver Star were awarded to him for gallantry in actions.

His citation accompanying the Bronze Star award reads:

For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luzon, Philippine Islands, February 16, 1945. Pfc. Dias, a member of an anti-tank platoon, was engaged in transporting supplies to forward riflemen. It was determined that one company was isolated on Objective Hill with a limited supply of food, water and ammunition. In addition, there were wounded on the hill in need of blood plasma.

Pfc. Dias with four others volunteered for the hazardous mission of getting the blood plasma to the men. Despite several carrying parties being forced back by intense enemy fire, and without regard for his own safety, Dias traversed hundreds of yards of terrain exposed to enemy fire.

This action was instrumental in saving the lives of several soldiers. On the return journey, Dias assisted in the evacuation of seriously wounded man and brought him to safety and proper medical attention.

Now a civilian and happy to be home again, Dias will be employed by the Pacific Lumber company at Carlotta.

He is a brother of Pfc. Gilbert Dias with the 45th "Thunderbird" Infantry Division, now on occupational duty in Germany, and of Mary Martin of McKinleyville, Lillian Borges, Annie Roberts and Eugene Dias of Hydesville, Laura Catano of Freshwater, Joseph Dias, Jr., of Fortuna and Alfred Dias of Rio Dell. Dias played football on the Eureka High school team during his school days here.

Sat Sept 29-1945

MISSING EUREKAN WAS JAP PRISONER

WILBURN VAN BUSKIRK

Cpl. Wilburn Van Buskirk was reported missing May 15, 1942. The defense of the Philippines was raging then. Cpl. Van Buskirk was a truck driver with a service company on Bataan. His mother, Mrs. Josephine B. Luke, formerly of Eureka, and now of Rohnerville, received official word that he was missing, after she had not heard from him for many months.

As time went on, and still no mail came, she assumed that her son had died with other heroes of Bataan. The war wore on into years. Then came the surrender of Japan.

Last week Mrs. Luke received a letter from her son. He was in the Fleet Hospital in Guam.

The letter follows:

Well, here I am again, this time I'm in Guam. Left Yokohama at 3 p. m. and made the trip of about 1670 miles in 8 hours. Traveled by plane. Boy, that's the way to travel. Will be here from 1 to 4 days. Will probably travel by ship but I hope it's by air as there is a chance. I believe I'll go to San Diego, though I don't know for sure.

I weigh 150 now and am getting fat. Don't think, or I should say worry, about my being in the hospital as the Navy has us all in the hospital for exams and to make out new health records and the such, as our records were lost on Corregidor. Thirty-six of us came here in the plane I came in. I'm sure meeting lots of old buddies and, oh, so many are missing. So far I have found no trace of Barney McClue, my closest friend. Last saw him in the Philippines in 1943.

I'm not sure, but am led to believe that I'll get a 90-day leave and choice of post. They say I'm a sergeant but I won't believe it until I get a warrant saying so.

You'll notice I don't believe much of anything until it's proven. Well, it's just one of those things that come about.

It seems every time I turn around there's someone giving me something to eat, but it's sure nice after eating rice for nearly 4 years.

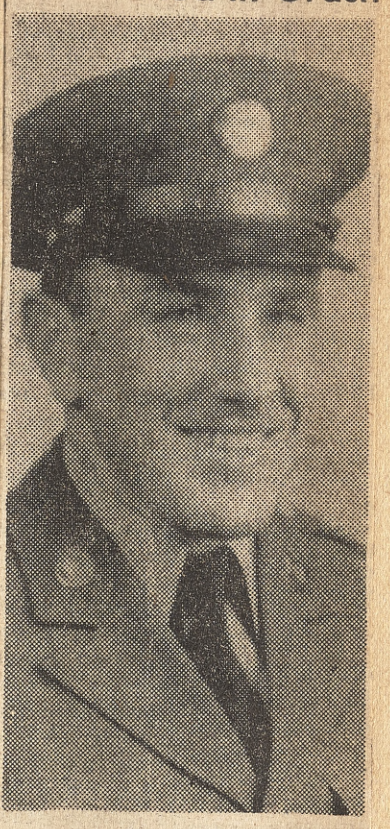
Met S. Lufkin of Fortuna the other day. He and I went to high school together. He's a corporal in the Marines and was captured here at Guam. Everyone's sure treating us nice. It seems they can't do enough for us. I believe I know what they mean when they say, "Life begins at 40."

I'll be home soon.

Sun Sept 30-1945

Del Norte Man

Died In Crash



Pfc. James Tomasini

CRESCENT CITY, Oct. 2. - Among the 23 victims of an Army transport crash near St. Joseph, Missouri, September 22 was Pfc. James C. Tomasini, whose father, Andrew Tomasini, lives at Fort Dick. The soldier had recently returned from overseas duty, had been in the Army four years, and was enroute home for discharge from active duty.

Tomasini participated in battles of North Africa, Sicily, Salerno, Anzio, Southern France and Germany. He wore six Battle Stars and had two Presidential Citations.

Surviving are his father; his wife, Patsy, and son, James, of Gold Beach, Oregon; his mother, Mrs. Ines Ganoni of San Francisco; sisters, Mrs. Paul Tedsen and Miss Emma Tomasini of Fort Dick; a brother, Peter, in the Army.

Military rites were conducted last week in the Roeder chapel and burial was at the Veterans cemetery. Pallbearers were Taylor Westbrook, George Smart, Lloyd and Robert Bolen, Hugh Blogden and Melvin Boyet.

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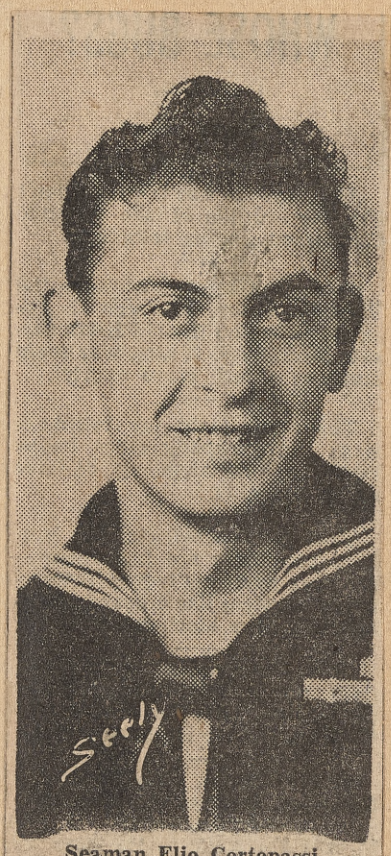

Seaman Elio Cortopassi

A veteran of South Pacific actions, Seaman 1c Elio B. Cortopassi is home on 30-day leave to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guido Cortopassi of Eureka before reporting for continued naval duty at Bremerton, Washington.

Overseas since August, 1944, the seaman has ribbons for engagements in the American and Asiatic-Pacific theaters and a Bronze Star for the Philippine Liberation campaign. He also participated in the initial assault on Luzon, Lingayen Gulf and with reinforcements on Okinawa.

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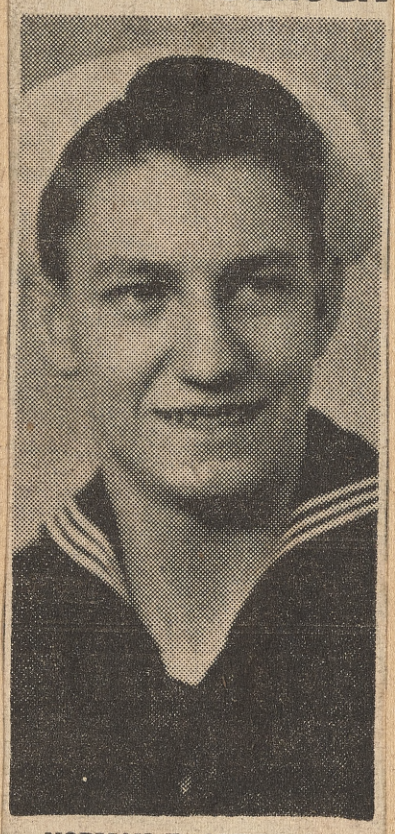
N. E. AMBROSINI ON TICONDEROGA



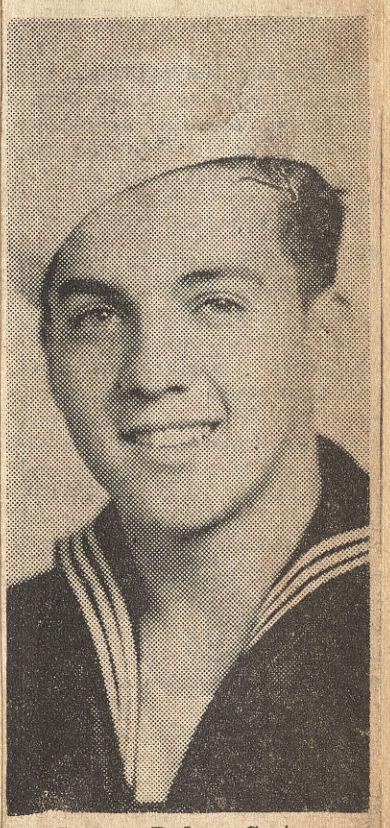
NORMAN E. AMBROSINI

Norman Emilio Ambrosini, 18, fireman, first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ciprain Ambrosini, Ferndale, is serving aboard the U.S.S. Ticonderoga, a unit of the powerful Pacific Fleet which took part in the initial occupation of the Japanese homeland.

Prior to entering the Navy, Ambrosini was employed by the Golden State Creamery at Ferndale.

Sun Sept 30-1945

Home On Leave



Seaman Rodney Caetano

Having completed basic training at San Diego, Seaman 2c Rodney James Caetano is home on a brief leave to visit his grandmother, Mrs. Laura McDonald of Indianola.

Seaman Caetano attended Arcata High School before enlisting in the Navy and when he returns to San Diego will attend gunners mate school.

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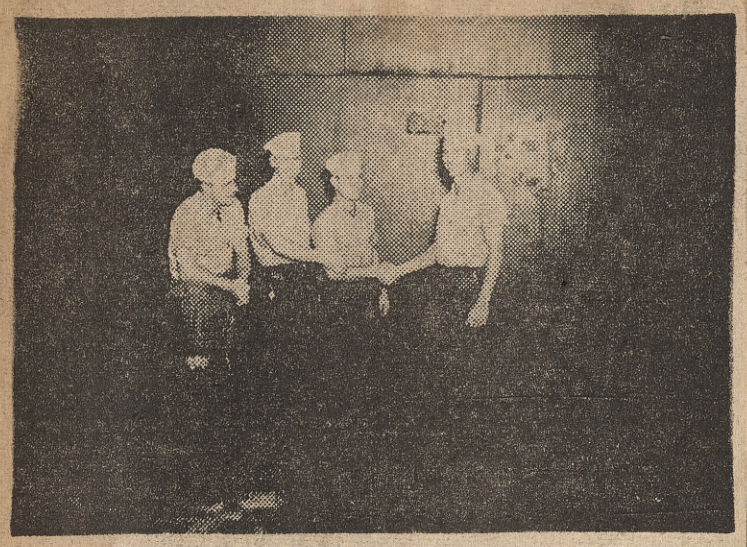
FOUR EUREKANS SERVE ON DRYDOCK



Pictured here are four Eurekans serving on the USS ABSD-3, which was built in Eureka by the Chicago Bridge and Iron company. They are, from the left, Wayne Knifsend, CY; Leon Benzunas, QM 3/c; James Hastings, F 1/c, and Oliver Harrison, S 2/c. The photo was sent by Quartermaster Benzunas from Guam, Marianas Islands.

Hastings and Harrison formerly were employed by the C. B. & I during the completion of ABSD-1 and ABSD-2, before entering the service.

The picture was taken as they welcomed a new shipmate aboard.

The common expression there, Benzunnas reports, is "I have never been anywhere in the last three years that I haven't seen someone from Eureka. One would think", he adds, "Eurekans run the Navy instead of Texas or Brooklyn".

"Since we are operating in the advanced base of Guam, in the period of seven months from the time of our first docking", the quartermaster writes, "we have handled 95 ships, from battleships to LCTs. Our latest and present job (September 17) is a major job to the USS Pennsylvania, which suffered heavy damage in the last few days of this war. This old proud lady hopes to participate in the Navy Day celebration on the west coast next month, October 27, so every effort to complete her is being emphasized.

"Although we never participated in battle, we still are proud to receive a commendation from Vice Admiral Smith for work well done".

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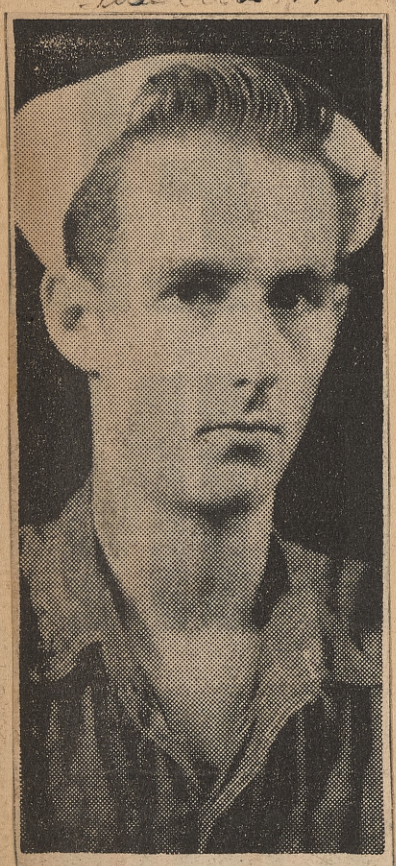


LEWIS THOMAS, GM 3C

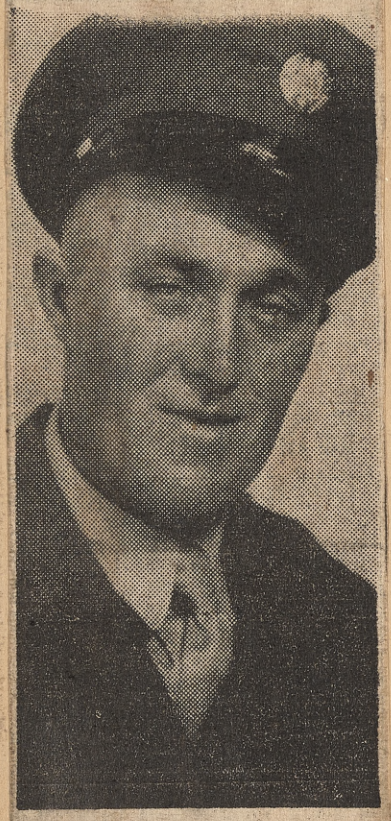
Lewis Thomas, gunnersmate 3c in the Coast Guard, home on 24 days leave, will report tomorrow at Alameda. He had recently returned from 18 months duty in the Philippine area.

Thomas attended Eureka High school and enlisted two years ago, attending gunnery school in Florida.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Thomas, and he is a brother of Lois Thomas of 3755 E street.

Fri Oct 5-1945

Arrives Home
Out Of Army



Robert L. Lowry

Discharged from the Army after three years service as a military police with 29 months overseas duty, Robert L. Lowry, a sergeant, arrived home yesterday. He had received the Good Conduct Medal.

His mother is Mrs. M. McFarland of 1835 Harris street and he is a brother of James Lowry, Ruth Cata, Alice Rossiter of Eureka; Margaret Shannon of Berkeley; Leona Carrol of Sacramento and Edna Malloy of Richmond.

From his commanding officer, Headquarters, Company D, 802 Military Police Battalion, Lowry received the following commendation:

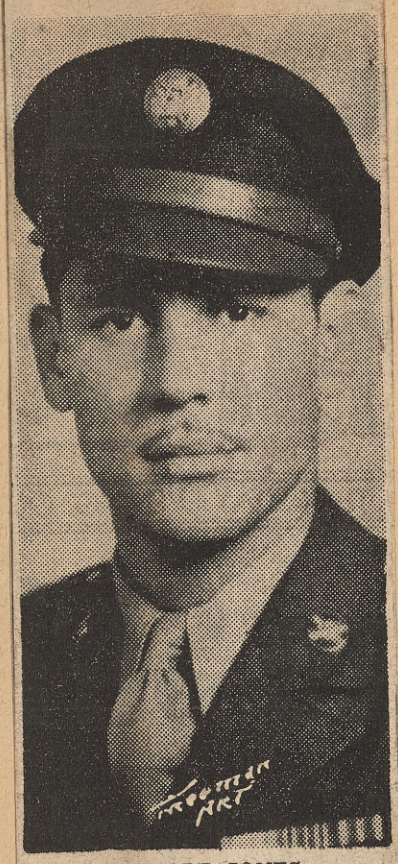
On behalf of the company officers and your commanding officer, I take great pleasure in expressing to you our appreciation for the creditable manner in which you performed the job assigned you while President Roosevelt was in Deversoir, Egypt, and vicinity.

With your splendid cooperation the mission, which was an honor bestowed us, was successfully executed. You have, therefore, brought credit to yourself and your company, and members of this command are extremely proud of you.

President Roosevelt, upon his return to the White House, after his visit to the Suez Canal area where the difficult questions of security, coordination and management were accomplished in a manner highly creditable to the command, sent a letter of appreciation of the work done by the officers and men for the well coordinated arrangements.

Fri Oct 5-1945

Wins Discharge



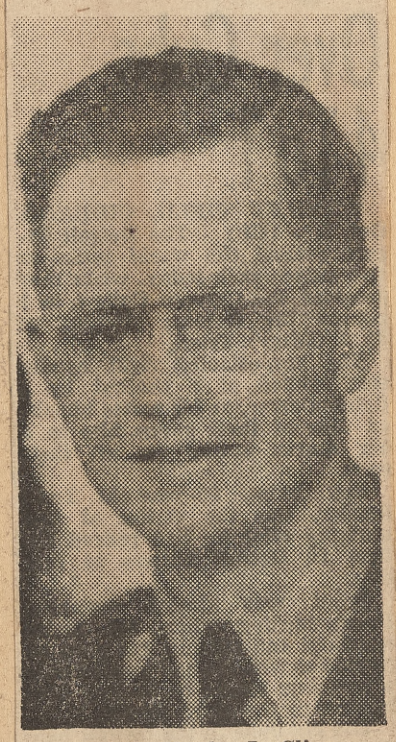
DONALD JONES

ARCATA, Oct. 4.-After serving seven years in the Army and 43 months of that time overseas, Donald Jones, private, has been discharged from active duty at Mitchell convalescent hospital and is at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neil L. Jones of 493 G street, Arcata.

Jones has the American Defense, American Theater of Operations and the European-African-Middle Eastern ribbons with three Battle Stars, the Good Conduct Medal and the Purple Heart Medal.

Thurs Oct 4-1945

Returns Home
From U. S. Army



T/Cpl. Charles L. Cline

Technical Corporal Charles L. Cline of Eureka, home from the Army after more than two years overseas, saw his 20 months old daughter Charlene for the first time on his arrival last week.

The officer, with his life and daughter, are staying with the Fred L. Sowash family, Hillsdale street, Eureka.

Corporal Cline went overseas on April 23, 1943, and served with the seventh division of the 17th Infantry. He was in the battles of Guadalcanal, Leyte, Okinawa, and several others. Before crossing the Pacific he helped to oust the Japs from Attu in the Aleutian islands.

He wears several campaign ribbons, medals, and battle stars. While in the 17th Infantry he met several other local boys in the same battalion. He was honorably discharged and arrived home September 17.

Sat Oct 6-1945

Returns Home
From Germany

Wayne Graham

ARCATA, Oct. 5—Wayne Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Graham has returned home from Germany and was released from the service two weeks ago.

He enlisted in January, 1941, and trained at Fort Benning, Georgia , served with the 17th Armed Engineers batallion, 2nd Armed Division. He was in Africa one year and went to France soon after D-Day, going into Belgium, Holland and Germany. He served overseas two years and held the rank of sergeant.

The 2nd armed division in which he served was given a presidential citation for their outstanding performance in erecting a bridge over the Rhine while under fire. They also received commendations from Generals Montgomery, Patton and Eisenhower for their outstanding work. They were known as the Hell on Wheels battalion.

His brother Staff Sgt. Edward Graham is also expetced home soon. They are brothers of Ray Graham of Arcata.

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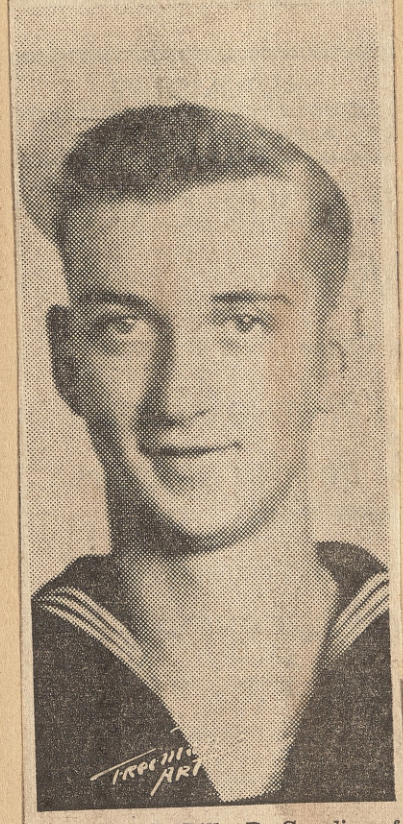
IN YOKOHAMA



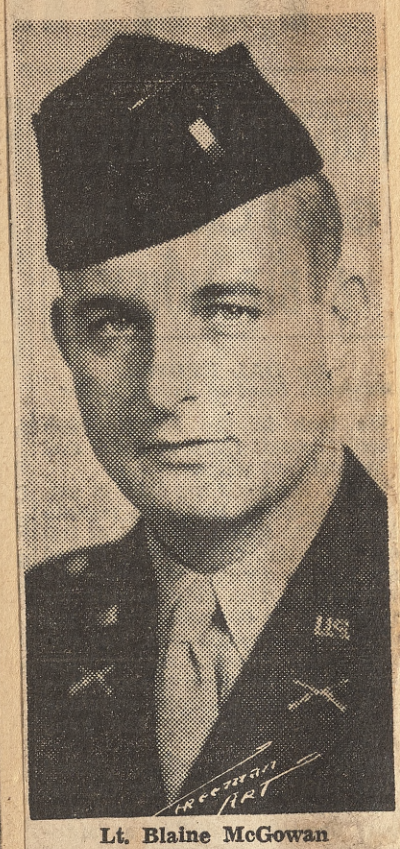
Seaman 2c Billy D. Cowdin, of Eureka was among the first land occupational troops to serve in Yokohama but before that his ship an LSM, fought a winning battle with a typhoon for 30 days. His ship was damaged in the storm, the same typhoon that also damaged the USS Pittsburgh.

Cowdin participated on the landings at Iwo Jima, Luzon and Okinawa. He wears two Battle Stars and the Occupational ribbon of V-J Day.

The seaman has been in the Navy more than a year and he formerly was employed here by Standard Stations. His parents, Mr. and Mrs Bud Cowdin of 3133 Little Fairfield street, recently received a letter from their son telling of his experiences in the terrific typhoon and the more peaceful times now in Nippon.

Mon Oct 8-1945

Eurekan In Tokyo



Lt. Blaine McGowan

First Lt. Blaine McGowan, attached to H Troop, 7th Cavalry Regiment (dismounted) 1st Cavalry Division, entered Tokyo September 8 and his unit was one of those escorting General Douglas MacArthur into Tokyo for the occupation.

"The flag raising ceremony here in Tokyo was held at the American embassy in front of the consulate building," the lieutenant wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine McGowan of Edgewood Road near Eureka. "H troop really had the spot of honor, flanking the speakers rostrum," he continues. "I had my platoon lined up not more than 10 feet from where General MacArthur made his speech. It was all very short but none the less stirring.

"Sgt. Shropshear, one of my squadron leaders, was one of the men who raised the first flag over Tokyo since the war." After the flag raising, LIt. McGowan was assigned to place the first guard around the embassy building.

More recently Lt. McGowan and his platoon have been stationed on guard at all entrances and gates to the Imperial Palace grounds.

Referring to his experiences there, he writes, "I've seen a lot of Jap notables, or rather, disreputables. They all look exactly like the stateside cartoons. You are familiar with that cartoon 'Tokyo Calling' . . . these characters look just like the Jap originals. All of the Japs' continual bowing, bobbing and hat-lifting is beginning to nauseate me, it is so very insincere. They are so polite it squeaks."

Lt. McGowan, who wears Battle Stars for the campaigns on Leyte and Luzon, is a graduate of Eureka high school and University of California.

Sat Oct 6-1945

Prisoner Of Japs Over Three Years

Lorraine Wilson, Y3c E. W. Wilson, PhM 2c

Captured on Guam and a prisoner of war in Japan three years and eight months, Pharmacistsmate 2c E. W. Wilson of Carlotta, liberated not long ago, is pictured here as he shows his sister, Yeoman 3c Lorraine Wilson, some of his Nipponese souvenirs.

Prison fare, almost a starvation diet, was augmented at times by silk worms, frogs, snakes, turtles, and occasionally a cat or dog, Wilson tells since he got home, which did not provide anything like a gourmand's menu.

During most of his imprisonment Wilson worked in a steel mill at Hirohata with 500 other prisoners. They unloaded ships bringing iron from Korea, Formosa and northern China.

"They paid us 15 sen a day—the equivalent of one penny American. A fellow couldn't get rich in Hirohata!"

The 24-year-old veteran declared that the prisoners at his camp were treated all right but the food was no good.

"They gave us rice-and-soup three times a day, about a cupful. It was not enough food for the work we were doing and all of us lost weight. That is the reason we ate snakes and silk worms. We ate the silk worms for their oil. We worked two weeks straight, then were given a day off. Whenever we got leave a party of us would go down to the rice paddies and look for whatever we could find to eat."

About twice a month, he said, the 500 men would be given a couple of quarters of beef.

"It didn't go very far. We were supposed to get a full beef, but the Japs would steal the rest."

They also got fish three or four times a month. The Japs occasionally furnished them whale blubber and horse meat. On rest days they were given a sweet. Because Wilson did not smoke (the Japs furnished each man about 60 cigarettes a month) he was able to trade his smokes with other men for sweets. He also managed to get his laundry done this way.

Never In Doubt

War news was kept from the civilians until it was six weeks or two months late, Wilson said. But none of the boys doubted for a minute which way it was going. Towards the end of the war there was a marked difference in the attitude of the Japanese toward their prisoners, he said.

The big day for them, however, was on August 30 when B-29s flew over Hirohata and parachuted food to them. Thereafter, until they were freed on September 9 the planes parachuted them food every other day.

After his release he was flown 7000 miles to Oakland, arriving there on September 25. He is now on leave from the Oakland hospital and will leave here tonight to return. He and his sister, Lorraine, and their mother are visiting the children's grandfather, James Swain of Carlotta. Lorraine Wilson is a Yeoman third class and is stationed at the naval air station in San Diego.

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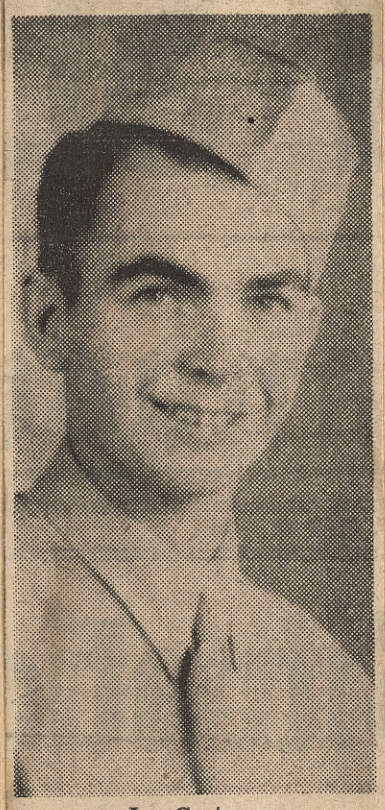
Wins Discharge



Joy Gastman

ARCATA, Oct. 9—Corporal Joy Gastman who served four years in the armed forces, 41 months of that time overseas, has been discharged and is back in Arcata. Cpl. Gastman, artillery observer, 40th Infantry Division, was stationed in the Hawaiian Islands, Solomon Islands, Admiralty Islands and the Negros, participated in campaigns in New Britain, the Philippines, Panay, Luzon and Negros and with his company was cited for outstanding activities in Luzon and New Britain.

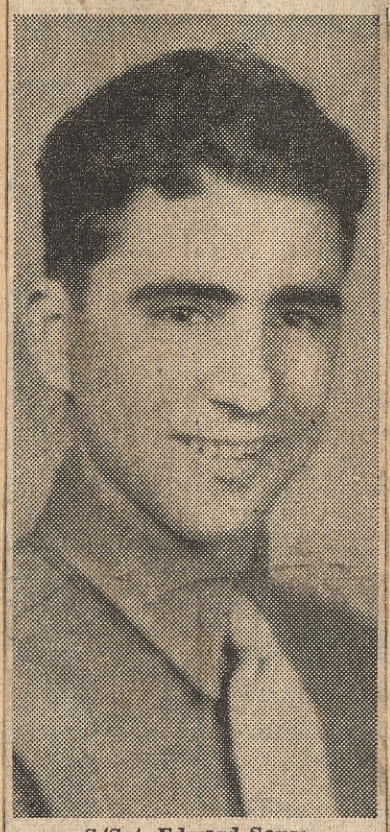
Cpl. Gastman, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joy Gastman of Menlo Park, is a graduate of Arcata schools and attended Humboldt State college. He was employed by the A. Brizard Company when he went into the service. He has one sister, Mrs. Sam Eastburn of Berkeley.

Tues Oct 9-1945

Mother Of Eureka Youth Who Died For Country, Presented Medal In Ceremony Held Locally

Awarded posthumously to Staff Sgt. Edward Joseph Sousa, 25, who was killed January 25, 1945, in the Philippines, his Silver and Bronze Stars were presented here Saturday to the heroic infantryman's mother, Mrs. Abel P. Sousa of 3411 F street. Capt. Nielsen came here from Camp White, Oregon, to present the awards.

Sgt. Sousa, who had been in the Army five years, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Abel P. Sousa.



S/Sgt. Edward Sousa

The Silver Star was awarded for gallantry in action January 24, 1945. The citation reads:

When Staff Sgt. Sousa was informed his squad had been assigned the mission of destroying and securing an enemy stronghold, which was delaying the advance of assault forces, he assembled his squad and led his men toward their objective.

In the ensuing action Sgt. Sousa's aggressiveness, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, was an inspiration to his men. Three enemy riflemen were killed and their positions taken. Realizing that his men had to reload their rifles, Sousa exposed himself to full view and proceeded to lay covering fire.

COOL, FEARLESS

Immediately following this, six enemy soldiers made a determined counterattack but, due largely to Sousa's presence of mind and cool fearlessness, the enemy assault was halted and all six Japanese killed. As further enemy fire swept the hill-top from invisible positions some distance away, Sgt. Sousa fell, fatally wounded. His heroic actions and personal bravery saved many lives and was a decisive factor in enabling the company to resume the advance and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

The citation with the Bronze Star Medal, also posthumously awarded, reads: For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy November 15, 1944. Sgt. Sousa volunteered as a patrol member to make a cross-country reconnaissance of possible routes of advance.

Noting smoke from several camp fires on an adjacent ridge, Sousa immediately notified the patrol and made a personal reconnaissance to learn whether the adjacent camp was friendly or enemy. From information gained by Sgt. Sousa, the camp was determined as the enemy. Had it not been for the alertness and devotion to duty displayed by Sgt. Sousa, the patrol might have met with adverse results. During a later phase of the operation Sousa was killed in action.

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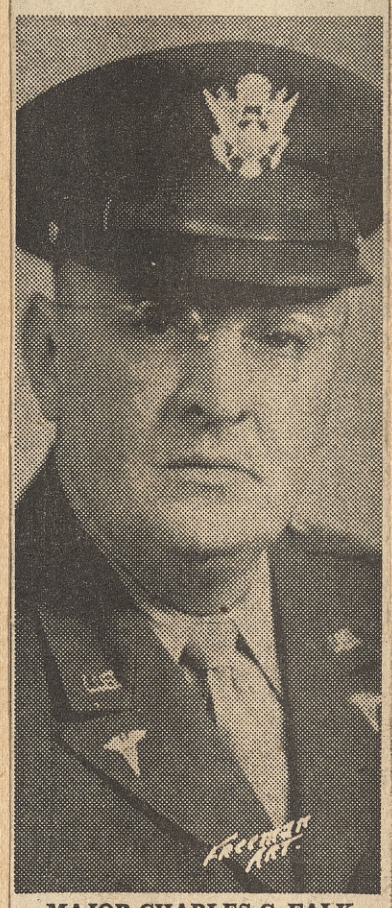
Eureka Physician Out Of Army



MAJOR CHARLES C. FALK

Major Charles C. Falk, widely known Eureka physician, has been released from the medical corps of the U. S. Army, following his active service of four and a half years.

He has returned to Eureka and will re-establish his private practice of medicine. Office location has not yet been decided upon.

Dr. Charles C. Falk, Jr., as he is known here, spent two years with the Army in Alaska, and the remainder of the time at Fort Lewis, Washington, and the regional hospital at Ford Ord, where he has been located the past 15 months.

When the war started, Dr. Falk was a reserve officer and as such was called into the service. He had been in the practice of medicine here for about ten years.

Thurs Oct 11-1945

Home On Leave

Seaman W. A. Camilli

Home on 30-day leave, Seaman 1c William A. Camilli is home from Hawaii to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Camilli of 3104 Eighteenth street. He will report to Treasure Island.

Seaman Camilli was stationed for 17 months near Pearl Harbor. He came back to the states on the USS Indiana. Camilli attended Eureka high school before enlisting.

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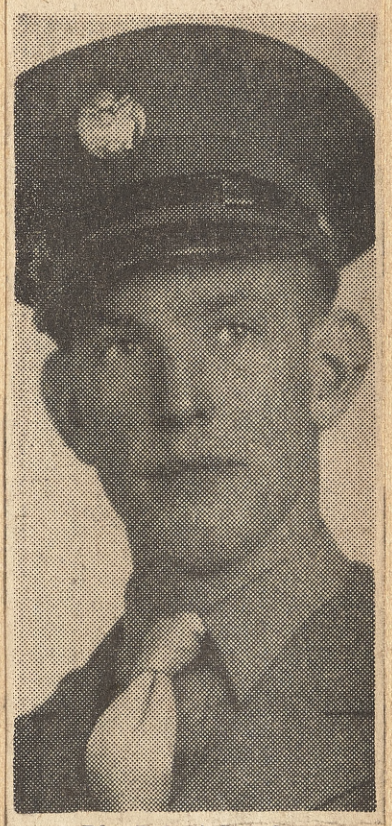
ON FURLOUGH



Pfc. Robert Laugher

In the Army since 1942 and overseas since early in 1943, Pfc. Robert G. Laugher has returned on furlough and is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy McDaniels of 1421 Albee street.

The veteran trained at Camp Roberts and served through the campaigns of southern and central Solomons, was wounded in New Georgia. He also saw action in New Guinea, Luzon, the Philippine liberation. He wears three Battle Stars, Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Medal, Philippine Liberation ribbon.

In the Philippines he met his brother, Staff Sgt. Arthur W. Laugher. Pvt. Laugher is a son of the late T. H. Laugher, Crescent City dairyman, and Mrs. Laugher, who lives in Wales, British Isles.

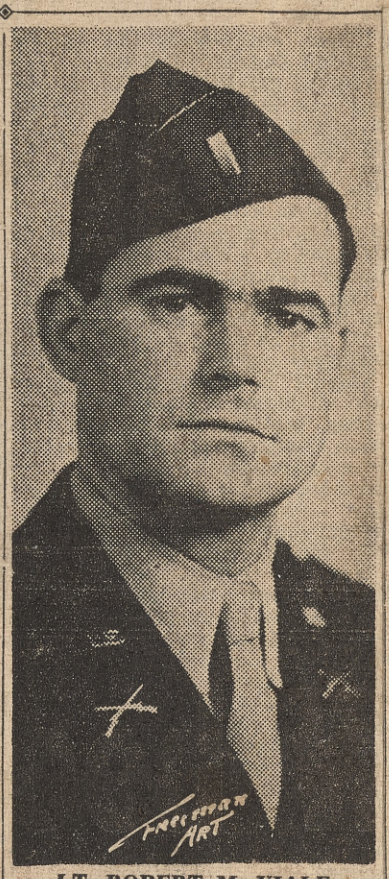
Sat Oct 13-1945

Congressional Medal Of Honor, Nation's Highest Decoration, Awarded To Eureka Man Who Gave Life Fighting Japanese

The nation's highest decoration, the Congressional Medal of Honor, has been awarded posthumously to Second Lieutenant Robert M. Viale of Eureka, who was killed last February by the explosion of a hand grenade.

Lieutenant Viale trained a group of men on Bougainville, preparing them for the Luzon campaign. On the boat trip over, he spent most of his time in the crowded holds visiting them, and less in the officers quarters. In a dispatch announcing the award, the War Department tells how he begged extra candy and cigarettes for his men, personally escorted them to sick call, gave them stationery and stamps, "slipped them into his quarters for a shower, and even shared a bottle of Three Feathers which he had salvaged from Black Locker days in the Solomons."

Robert Viale was the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Viale of Eureka. Two of his brothers were in the service: Pfc. Raymond Viale, who was lost in the battle of Iwo Jima, and Sergeant John D. Viale, who has recently received an army discharge at Seattle. Robert has a wife and small son here, who received his award of the Purple Heart some time ago.



LT. ROBERT M. VIALE

Landing on Luzon on January 9, 1945, they found the Japs had gone south and there was nothing to do but follow them. During the 137 mile hike down the central plains toward Manila, the men developed foot blisters but kept on limping along. They met hard Jap resistance in spots. There were fights at Clark Field, Fort Stotensburg, Plaridel, and Malolos. There were partol clashes on the flanks, but Lieutenant Viale and his men kept on going.

This was company K, Third Battalion, 148th Infantry. On the morning of February 5 they ran into stiff opposition by a Jap rearguard, which had to be dug out of churches, restaurants, and storehouses. That battalion objective was the Jones bridge across the Pasig river, and the Jap objective was to hold the north bank until the bridge could be destroyed and the heart of the capital burned, blasted and destroyed by explosives. Company K was pacing the battalion attack and Viale's platoon was the company's point, away out in front.

By 11001, the flames across the Pasig jumped the river around Jones bridge, and a strong southeasterly breeze fanned the fire to the right and front of the attacking elements. It was necessary to shift the direction of the attack to the left and to bypass the smouldering sections if possible. Viale angled his thirty-five men toward the fifteen foot long Ongpin street bridge, crossing the Estero de la Reine.

JAPS OPEN FIRE

As his lead scout darted across this bridge, he was halted by crossfire from three pillboxes across the stream, commanding the span and surrounding terrain. The scout squirmed back to Viale and reported the exact location of the fortifications. Without hesitation, Viale formed a three-man assault team consisting of a veteran squad leader, a BAR man, and himself. He ordered his rifle grenadier to fire a few smoke grenades on the opposite end of the causeway to provide cover. Five grenades effectively smoked the area, and Viale led his two men across the span. The rest of the platoon would move across on his orders, or on the orders of the squad leader in case Viale got hit.

The three soldiers found a partially demolished wall for protection on the far side and flopped down behind it. When the smoke cleared, in about four minutes, Viale pointed out the three enemy emplacements to his assistants; the first was one hundred yards to their front and he ordered the BAR man to pour automatic fire into its firing slit. The second pillbox was seventy-five yards to his left, and he instructed the squad leader to keep popping away at it with his M1, since it was the least likely to cause Viale any trouble as he personally went after pillbox number three, twenty-five yards to his right front.

The rest of the platoon sprinted across the causeway without incident and immediately went into wedge formation with Viale in the forefront with his lead scout. He led them up Calle Nueve street against gnawing sniper fire, the ever present possibility of ambush, and now something new; a hail of 90 millimeter mortar shells, exploding with disquieting regularity. A few men, including Lieutenant Viale were nicked, but as they moved toward the source of the firing, the shells went over their heads, and they realized they were under the Nip margin of safety, the umbrella, which was jake for them but the rest of the company must be catching hell 500 yards back. Viale's wound, in the arm, was slight, and he shook off attempts by the aid man to treat it.

'GET THE HELL OUT!'

The breeze kept fanning the fires and now Viale had the enemy and the river to his front and left flank, and the conflagration to his right flank and rear. Only one route of escape remained, east along Dasmarinas street. Viale received word by radio from the company commander that the fire had forced a complete change in orders and he was to "get the hell out of the trap."

He started moving along the street and about two blocks away, came to a large junction, a point that had to be crossed. Two Jap pillboxes dug in at the corners of two buildings halted the advance and defied assault from the street. Viale recognized the suicidal nature of a frontal attack, and began combing the surrounding buildings for vantage points from which to knock out the strongholds. The enemy guns had to be eliminated—and now, if the platoon didn't want a premature cremation. The fires had begun to singe them a bit, forcing them toward the lanes swept by devastating machine gun fire.

Viale waved his men to follow him. He circled the intersection and headed toward a house which overlooked the fortifications. Approaching this house from the left rear of the Jap pillboxes, he entered the ground floor. He noticed a rickety ladder leading up to a small window from which, he hoped, someone could throw hand grenades on the hostile strongpoints. Since he was a southpaw and the Nips were to the right front of the window, he was a natural to try out his pitching arm. He pulled the pin on a grenade and started up the ladder. As he reached a point a few feet above the floor, his wounded arm gave out and his grip on the ladder relaxed. In attempting to maintain his hold on the ladder the grenade fell from his hand and landed in the midst of his men. In five seconds it would explode.

Dropping to the floor, Viale grabbed the armed grenade, at the same time looking around the room for a means of disposing of it. Members of his platoon were all over the house, in the doorway, in the room, in the next room. He couldn't aim for the small window with his wound; chances are he would miss and it would get them all. Three seconds, two seconds,—one second left.

Here Viale performed the greatest act of heroism ever asked of a man. He spun to the wall, clasped the grenade against his stomach and doubled over it just as it exploded. None of his men were injured. Five seconds isn't very long, but Viale made a decision in that short time that will not soon be forgotten for its greatness. His actions in this extremely critical moment showed the stuff of which he was made; it showed his outstanding valor and his devotion to the men in his command. When it came to making the decision of saving himself at their expense, he unhesitatingly gave his life rather than risk injury or death to any of his men. Yes, this was Second Lieutenant Robert M. Viale, a soldier's soldier.

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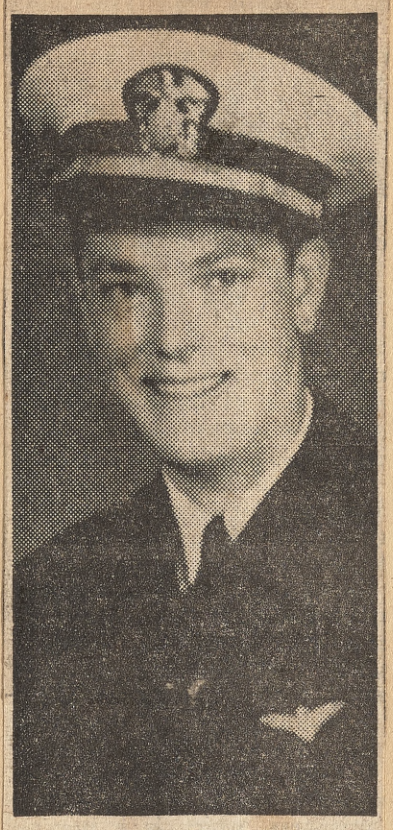
Wins Promotion



Lt. Cmdr. W. T. Amen

Mr. and Mrs. William Amen of Metropolitan have received word their eldest son, William Thomas Amen, has been promoted to lieutenant commander in the Navy. Since returning from the South Pacific in April, Cmdr. Amen has been stationed on the east coast and is at present at Quonset Point, Rhode Island.

His wife and son are with him, making their home at East Greenwich, Rhode Island. The naval officer has a brother, Sgt. Jack Amen, with a ship repair outfit attached to the Sixth Army and at present in Wakayama, Japan.

Cmdr. Amen is a graduate of Fortuna High school and attended college in San Jose and Arcata before enlisting in the navy in March 1941. As a naval aviation cadet he trained at Jacksonville, Florida, and Corpus Christi, Texas, where he was commissioned ensign in October, 1941. He remained in Corpus Christi as instructor until December, 1943, when he was assigned to fleet duty, spending several months at San Point, Washington, Klamath Falls, Oregon, Holtville and San Diego before going to sea as a fighter pilot on a carrier.

Amen participated in the liberation of Leyte, Mondoro, Luzon and Iowa Jima before coming back to the states for assignment at the Quonset Point Naval Air Station.

Mon Oct 15-1945

Veteran Returns In County Office

Lt. JOSEPH J. NELLIST

Back from the war after more than four years of service First Lieutenant Joseph J. Nellist, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nellist of Eureka, has been employed by Matthias Dopplmaier as a deputy in the county treasurer's office.

Lt. Nellist entered the service as an infantryman in March, 1941. He was 26 months overseas in the European theatre and was taken prisoner by the Germans in the battle of Germany, being released after Germany capitulated.

He was in the first airborne task force that was landed in Germany by glidder planes, and he was in the American Fifth army in Italy. He has made several sorties as a parachute jumper.

Lt. Nellist possesses the bronze star, the purple heart, and the ETO ribbon with five battle stars.

Mon Oct 15-1945

Wins Discharge

O. C. Bastian

Discharged after more than three years overseas service and Army service since March, 1942, O. C. Bastian of Eureka was a sergeant technician when he was released from active duty not long ago.

Bastian participated in battles of the Gilbert Islands, Bismarck Archipelago, Luzon and southern Philippines, wears the Philippine Liberation ribbon with two Bronze Stars, Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with three Bronze Stars, American campaign and good conduct medals. He also qualified as an expert with the Thompson sub-machine gun.

The former Army man is visiting his parents who live in San Francisco.

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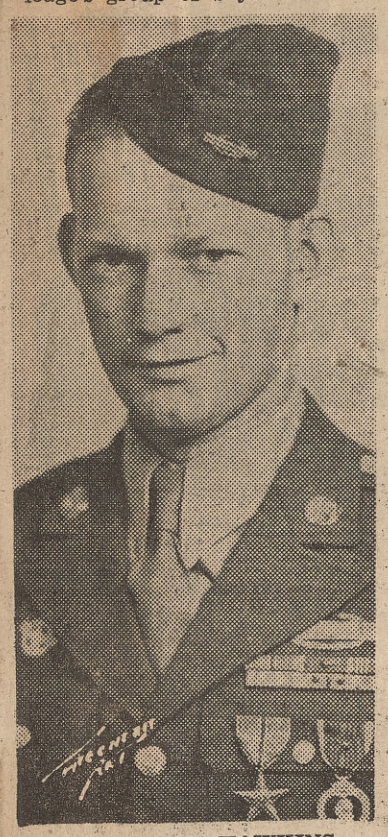
THE SOLDIER pictured in this column is a youngster we've watched grow up, Sgt. Robert Hawkins.

We remember Bob when he was a freckled faced, spindley-legged little lad and a member of the late Captain Tom Rutledge's group of boys known as the "Scorpions."



SGT. ROBERT HAWKINS

Then we saw him put on a pair of boxing gloves for the first time and fight as an amateur in the Lions club boxing shows held here. Bob was quite a fighter in those days.

Along with his brother, Henry, better known as "Hank," he was referred to as one of the "fighting Hawkins boys."

WHEN World War II came along, Bob was all set for the big fight. He went into the U. S. Army and before long he was across the Pacific, fighting Japs. This time it wasn't with big gloves - - it was with Tommyguns.

Sgt. Bob is home now, no longer a youngster, but a veteran of World War II, a veteran of tough fighting against a tough enemy.

BOB WON medals when he was boxing as an amateur - - but they came easy. He won medals in this last war that didn't come easy. The Purple Heart doesn't come easy. Some die to get it - - but Bob was more fortunate, he just ducked a lot of bullets and caught only a couple. He was wounded twice.

Bob doesn't think he'll do much boxing now that he is home. You don't feel like boxing with a bullet hole in your arm and another in your leg.

BOB IS also wearing the bronze star. That's another medal that doesn't come easy. Bob crawled out under enemy fire and hauled in a wounded buddy to get that one.

Bob caught a few bullets, but he also caught a few Japs.

HE's MIGHTY happy to be home now and glad to see brother Don home too. Brother Don is a Sergeant and also saw service in the South Pacific. He has just returned from the Philippines.

Brother Hank, in the U. S. Navy, will get out in another week, says Bob.

Bob's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Judd Hawkins of Eureka.

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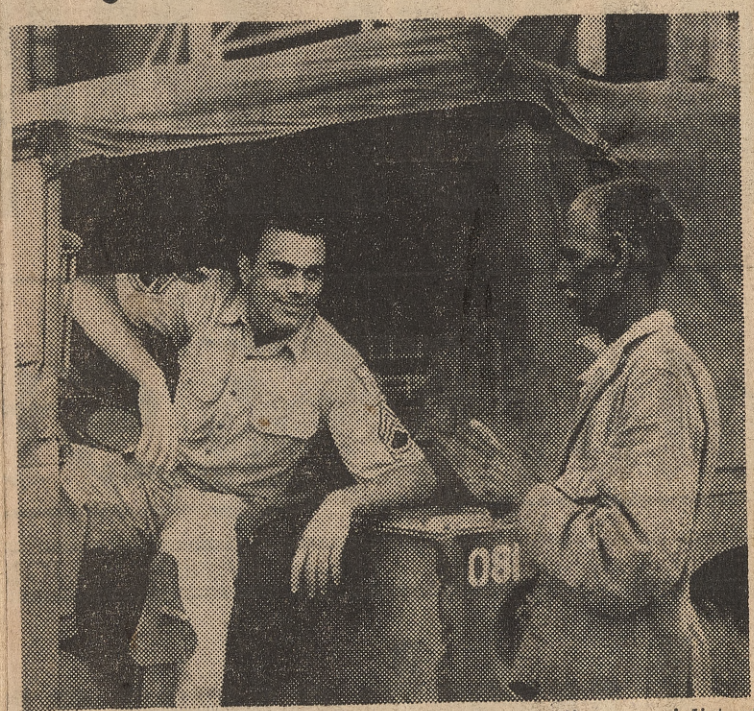
Sgt. Robert Fridley Now In India



T-SGT. ROBERT B. FRIDLEY, an air operations specialist at the Air Transport Command base, Agra, India, is shown in the official ATC photo, as he jokes with an Indian civilian assistant. Sgt. Fridley's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Fridley of 2404 Myrtle avenue and his wife, Doris, lives at Pennsylvania and Frank avenues.

Prior to entering the service in October, 1942, he worked as an air mechanic for the U. S. Navy. He has been overseas in the India-China Division since October, 1943.

Immediately after the surrender of Japan, Brig. Gen. William H. Tunner, commanding general of the ATC's India-China Division, sent the following message to the troops:

"You and I have shared a mission in mass air transportation the like of which the world had never seen; one which a few years ago was not even considered possible.

Among millions of Americans who left their homes and risked their lives to bring the war to a successful conclusion, you who served in this division have turned in one of the finest performances. You have worked with inadequate facilities, against time, and against the worst that nature could offer.

As each of you returns to his home you may do so with the certain knowledge that you have shared with great distinction one of the most difficult and important aassignments of this war."

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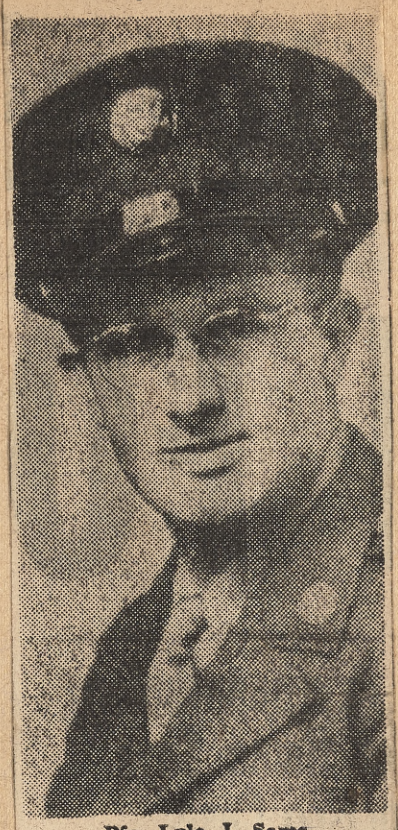
Purple Heart



Pfc. Lyle J. Sams

The Purple Heart, awarded posthumously to the sister of Pfc. Lyle Joseph Sams, Wilma Sams of San Francisco, has been received along with several citations for bravery. Pvt. Sams was 20 years old when he was killed July 17, 1944, in Italy while serving with the 363rd Infantry. He had also served in Africa.

Sams attended schools in San Francisco, worked in the Richmond shipyard before going into the Army in January, 1943. He trained at Camp Roberts, Camp Adair and Camp White, Oregon.

Surviving are his brother and sisters, George, Wilma and June, an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burg, and cousins, George, Orville and Helen Burg.

He was a grandson of the late George S. Sams of Korbel, and a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William A. Sams of Fortuna, who are buried at the Presidio National cemetery. There are other relatives in Portland, Oregon, and in Humboldt county.

Wed Oct 17-1945

Fortunan Returns

Guy Heney

FORTUNA, Oct. 17.-After serving four years and eight months in the Army, Guy Heney, a master sergeant, was recently discharged and is at home now with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Heney of Fortuna.

Heney was with the 99th Division, infantry and served through Germany, Belgium and France, participating in three major battles. He helped clean out the Ruhr Pocket and was on the final drive across the Danube with General Patton's Third Army. He was in charge of a large transportation section.

Heney is a brother of Sgt. William Heney, now with the Army Engineers on Okinawa, and Joseph Heney, torpedoman 3c, Navy, in the Philippines.

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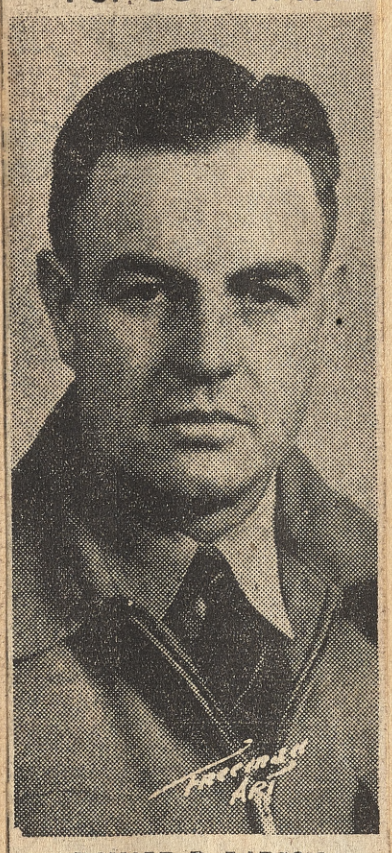
Farewell Party

For CB & I Head



DONALD R. LARSON

General manager of the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company's local plant since its inception here in 1942 to build drydocks for the Navy, Donald R. Larson will leave soon for Chicago and the company's main office.

A stag party to honor the genial superintendent, who has been closely integrated with community life since his arrival here, was given Thursday night. CB&I associates were joined by local businessmen, the group meeting at the Elks club before going to the Big Four for dinner.

In addition to managing the huge construction work at the Eureka plant, Larson found time to help with local affairs, headed the War Chest last year, has been a chamber of commerce director and an active member of the Rotary club. His wife and family will remain here for a time at their home, 2542 G street.

Neil Burdick, who will succeed Larson as general manager while the company winds up its construction projects for the Navy, was master of ceremonies.

Others attending were Charles Wiemars, Les Poland, Bob Dobson, Don O'Kane, George Jacobs, Bert McGaraghan, George Petersen, Ralph Brown, Ira Hodge, Tom Hesser, Dean Naylor, Kenny Kilburn, Mike Gilligan, J. H. Crothers, Harvey Simpson, Louis Clavio, Fred Petersen, Chester Connick, Charles Nichols, William Smullin, K. B. McCarthy, Lawton Bussman.

Viggo Eriksen, Harold Prior, Ernest Pierson, James Nealis, W. H. Harrison, Knighton, Al Swanson, Commander R. R. Darran, Jerry Schnizler, Earl Robnett, Card, H. S. Woodman, Charles Smith, James Barker, Neil Burdick, George Danielson, Harold Fisher, George Herman, Lee Bugg, Carl Swanson, Al Barnard, Stevenson, Ward Hill, Bryce Wilson, Wallace Marton, Bob Caviness, Jack Malte and Frank Dillon.

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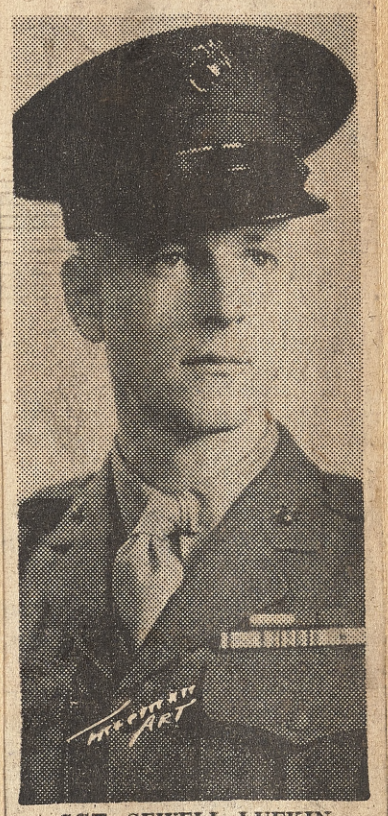
Prisoner Of Japs

Returns Home



SGT. SEWELL LUFKIN

Scarcely able to talk because of his treatment in a Jap prison camp, and still suffering from a malady incurred during his imprisonment, Sergeant Sewell Lufkin of Fortuna, son of Robert A. Lufkin, is home from the Marine Corps on hospital leave.

He was taken prisoner on Guam on December 10, 1941, three days after Pearl Harbor, was reported missing for several years, and then was found alive in one of the Japanese prison camps when the American troops liberated the prisoners around the first part of September of this year.

All that time, nearly four years, he existed as a Jap prisoner. Speaking slowly, and pausing to make his words distinct, he told yesterday of some of his experiences. He was hungry the whole time, he said, and was fed chiefly on soup and rice. When he complained, or wasn't able to fulfill the orders of his captors, he was flogged and beaten. The stories of atrocities, he said, are not exaggerated.

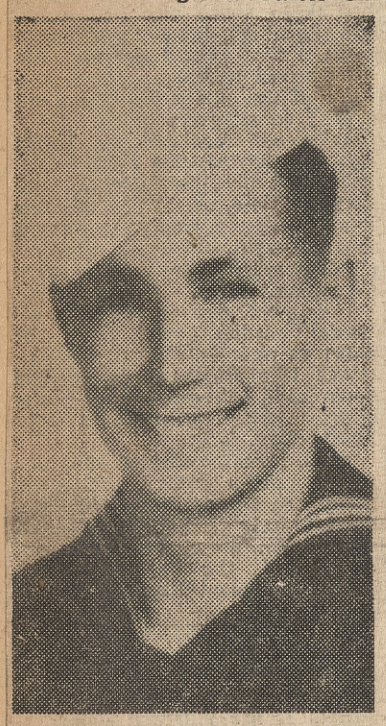
Sergeant Lufkin has been in the Marine Corps service for eight years. He left Fortuna high school to enlist. During the first three years of his enlistment he served in Shanghai, China, returned to the United States for one year, then went overseas in the Pacific in August of 1941. He was on Guam at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

He has two brothers in the armed service. Howard W. Lufkin is a technical staff sergeant in the Army and is now on Tinian. He has been in the service more than three years. Private First Class Alan Lufkin of the Army also has been in the service more than three years and is now on Leyte. Both are in the Army Air Force.

Wed Oct 31-1945

Delbert H. Carter Among 15 American Airmen Shot By Nipponese Firing Squad

Japanese atrocities in World War II were impressed more firmly in the minds of Eureka citizens today with the announcement that a Eureka boy, Delbert H. Carter, 20-year-old aviation ordnanceman third class in the U. S. Navy and son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Carter of 2235 J street, was among 14 American flyers executed by a firing squad on Formosa last June.



DELBERT H. CARTER, AO 3/c

Shot down in action January 28 of this year about two miles from Formosa, Carter was first reported missing by the War Department. Yesterday his parents received notice from Washington that he had died in a Japanese prison camp and today came the news that he was among the American flyers shot by Japanese executioners.

The young Eureka war hero graduated from Eureka High school in February, 1943. His naval training was received at the Naval Air Station at Hutchinson, Kans, Naval Air Gunners school; at Purcell, Oklahoma, and the Aviation Ordnancemen's school at Norman, Oklahoma last year.

Carter flew as a crew member on a Liberator patrol bomber.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 19.-(UP)-Small, white tags attached to a row of plain wooden boxes in a funeral parlor revealed today the names of 14 American airmen executed by the Japanese on Formosa last June after a perfunctory military trial.

Inside the boxes were urns containing the ashes of the airmen and records of their execution. They showed that the men were killed by a firing squad at Taihoku, Formosa, June 19, at a time when Japan was making peace feelers to the Allies.

A fifteenth box contained the ashes of an American Marine, Joseph Francis Florence, who was killed when the Japanese plane in which he was being brought to Formosa for execution crashed. Florence, whose name and rank were not known here, was captured by the Japanese on Miyako island.

Written in Japanese and English, the tags on the other 14 boxes contained the names:

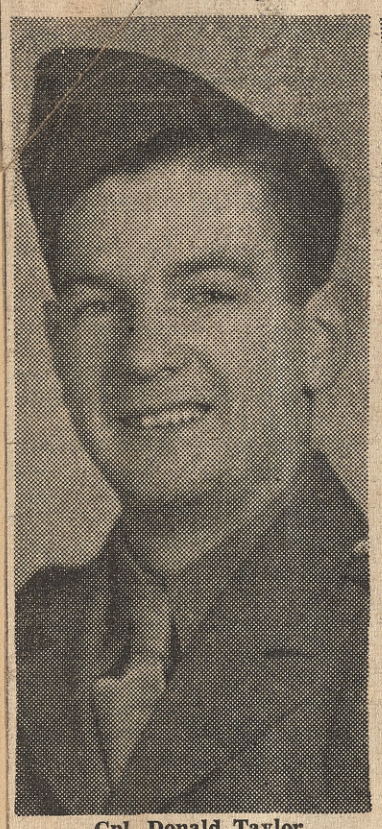
Army Lt. Ralph Robertson Hartley, Bridgewater, Me.
Lt. (jg) Harwood Stevens Sharp, 6469 Benevenue street, Oakland, Calif..
PO3c J. C. Buchanan, Guntersville, Ala.
PO3c Wayne Warren Wilson, Kenbolton, Ohio.
Donald Keith Hathaway, Jackson Heights, N. Y. (Rank not given.)
PO1c James Roy Langiotti, Oakland, Fla.
PO2c Charles Edward McVay, Pine Bluff, Ark.
Sgt. Robert Lee Lawrence, Winston Salem, N. C.
Armorer 1c Freddy McCreary, Barber Hill, Ky.
PO3c Delbert Hugh Carter, 910 Huntoon street, Eureka, Calif.
PO3c John Robertson Parker, Dunedin, Fla.
PO2c Harry Hershley Aldo, San Francisco, Calif.
Sgt. Harry U. Spivey, Atlanta, Ga.
Sgt. Merlin W. Biggs, Three Rivers, Mich.

The boxes were recovered by an Offices of Strategic Services rescue team commanded by Lt. Col. Michael J. Charignon and will be held here pending burial nistructions from Washington. Next of kin have been notified.

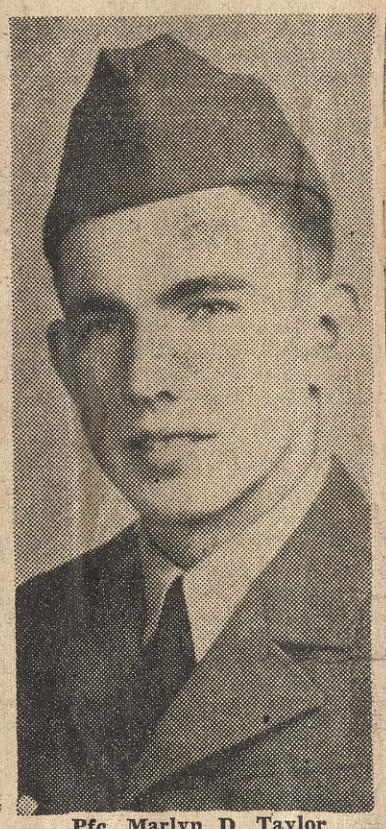
Fri Oct 19-1945

Eureka Brothers In Service

PFC Marlyn Taylor Gets Bronze Star



Cpl. Donald Taylor



Pfc. Marlyn D. Taylor

For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on March 31 of this year, Pfc. Marlyn D. Taylor of Eureka has received the Bronze Star. His brother, Cpl. Donald Taylor, now home on furlough after 22 months overseas in a Weather Detachment with the 8th Air Forces, expects to be discharged November 12.

Private Taylor, the citation reads, was an ammunition carrier in an 81 mm motor squad which started to set off a perimeter at Calanaun. The enemy laid in a sudden barrage of artillery and mortar fire from concealed positions, critically wounding one of Taylor's fellow troopers.

Disregarding his own safety, Taylor crawled from the protection of his fox hole, exposing himself to the terrific enemy fire, reached the wounded soldier and carried him to the aid station. His indomitable courage and complete disregard for his own life was responsible for saving the life of his fellow soldier.

Pct. Taylor has been in the Army three years last July, has been overseas two years last June. He served in all campaigns from the Admiralties to the Philippines.

Cpl. Taylor, serving in the European Theater of Operations fought through six major battles from Normandy to Berlin.

The soldiers are sons of Mrs. Arthur Treftz of 1412 Fifth street.

Mon Oct 29-1945

Home On Leave

Major Clinton Swanson

Overseas 20 months with the Troop Carrier Transport command, serving with the 5th and 13th Air forces, Major Clinton Swanson is home on terminal leave to visit his wife, Lily, and daughters, Anne Louise and Lois Elizabeth, of 2919 J street, and his mother, Mrs. Louise Swanson Elam.

Major Swanson came by plane from Marotoa to Stout field, Indianapolis, Indiana, and since arriving in the United States has received the Silver Star medal.

The officer has a brother, Robert Wesley Swanson, petty officer 1/c, who attends advanced welding school at San Diego.

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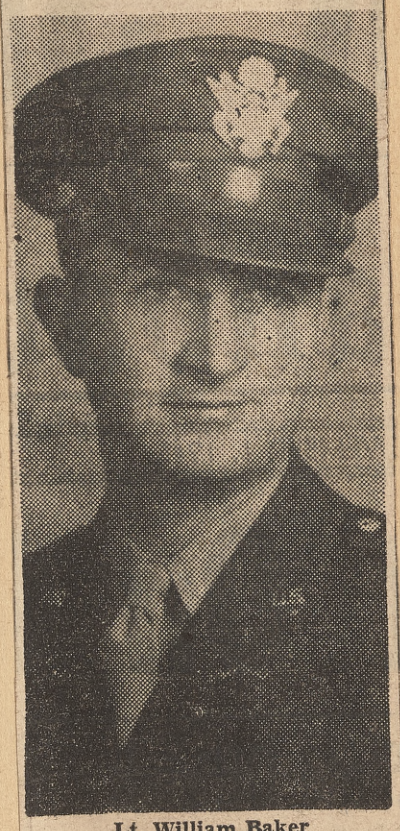
Crannell Officer

Returns Home



Lt. William Baker

Lt. William Baker of Crannell has arrived home after getting his discharge from the United States Army recently at Camp Beal.

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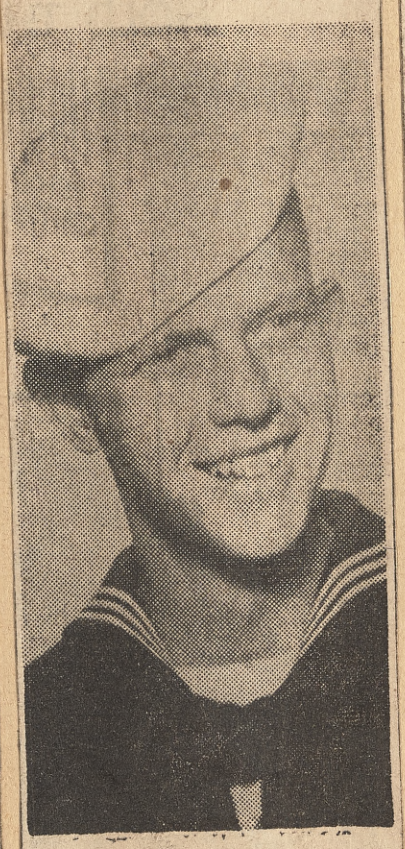
ON TINIAN



JACK A. SMITH, EM 3/c

U. S. navy, is now stationed on Tinian in the South Pacific.

Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Smith of Fruitland. He graduated from San Rafael Military academy, joined the Merchant Marine and then the navy, receiving his boot training at Catalina, Farragut and Oceanside.

Wed Nov. 8-1945

Wins Promotion

Capt. William Fritz

FORTUNA, Nov. 2.—A former Humboldt county deputy sheriff and who was associated in business with his uncle, Gustaf E. Rrickter of Rio Dell, Capt. William G. Fritz, recently has been promoted to his present rank. He is with the 98th Infantry Division, Sixth Army, which is occupying the Osaka industrial area in Japan. He has been overseas 17 months.

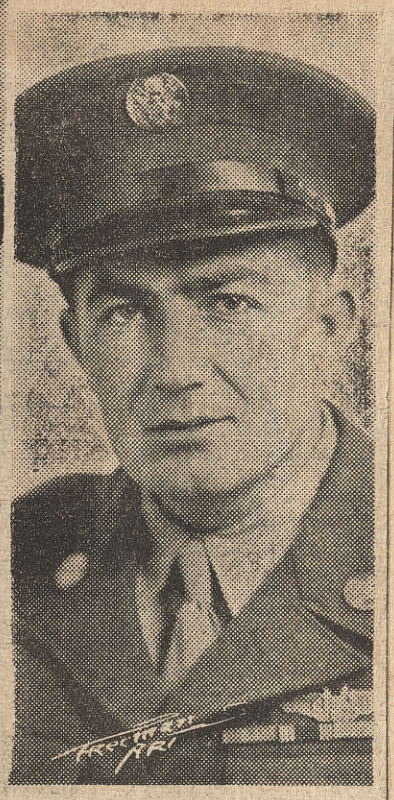
Capt. Fritz is a Fortuna High school graduate and of the San Jose State college police school. Entering the Army in June, 1941, graduated from Fort Benning, Georgia, officer candidate school in December, 1942, and served with the 104th (Timberwolf) Division.

Fri Nov. 2-1945

FIVE EUREKA BROTHERS SERVED UNCLE SAM

Seaman 3c John Lewis

Pvt. Paul Lewis



Staff Sgt. Ernest Lewis

Pvt. Roy R. Lewis

Sgt. William Lewis

The five brothers pictured here were all in the service until one was discharged after being liberated from a German prison camp. They are sons of Mrs. Ruth Lewis of Indianola and Walter Lewis of Arcata. Of the four still in military service one is in Japan, one in France and two in the United States.

Pvt. Roy R. Lewis entered the Army last June 1 and after training at Camp Beale and in Illinois, is now at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Staff Sgt. Ernest R. Lewis went in the Army in 1941 and after Fort Ord trained at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, Lowry Field, Colorado, Hamilton Field, Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma, at Las Vegas, Nevada, Greensboro, North Carolina, Westover Field, Massachusetts, and at an air base in Ohio, another at Salt Lake City, Utah, Garvin Field, Idaho, Walla Walla, Washington, Maddress, Oregon. He left for overseas from Newfoundland, landing in Scotland less than 12 hours after leaving America.

On his third raiding mission he was shot down between Hanover and Bremen, and was badly wounded July 26, 1943. He was taken prisoner and after five days in a hospital was sent to a prison camp where he waited 21 months for liberation which came May 3, 1945, when General Patton's Third Army pushed through. Returning to the United States last June he was discharged at Santa Ana in September, having served in the Army Air Forces 48 months.

Sgt. William C. Lewis enlisted in the Army in September, 1942 trained at Mather Field, Fort Custer, Michigan, in Minnesota, Texas, and Santa Monica, and is now stationed at Santa Rosa.

Entering the Army in March, 1943, Pvt. Paul H. Lewis trained in Okloham, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and was stationed near New York when he was sent overseas, participating in the D-Day invasion of Normandy and going through the European campaigns until the Nazi surrendered.

He was hospitalized four times, twice for sickness from exposure and twice for wounds. Now in France, he hopes to return home soon.

John C. Lewis, seaman third class, enlisted in the Navy in November, 1944, and after training at Farragut, Idaho, was sent to Camp Shoemaker and from there overseas to Pearl Harbor. He is now in Japan.

Mon Oct 22-1945

Home On Visit

Pfc. Delbert McLean

Pfc. Delbert McLean, under treatment at Dibble hospital for wounds incurred last January while leading a volunteer patrol against a German machine gun nest, is home to visit his mother, Mrs. James McLean, Park and Cottage streets, and brothers, Harry and Donald McLean.

Wearing the French government's award, the Croix de Guerre McLean also holds a Distinguished Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Purple Heart, ETO ribbon. He was hospitalized in France before returning to the states and will receive additional treatment at Dibble hospital.

Mon Nov-5-1945

Leroy Mullens On Troop Transport

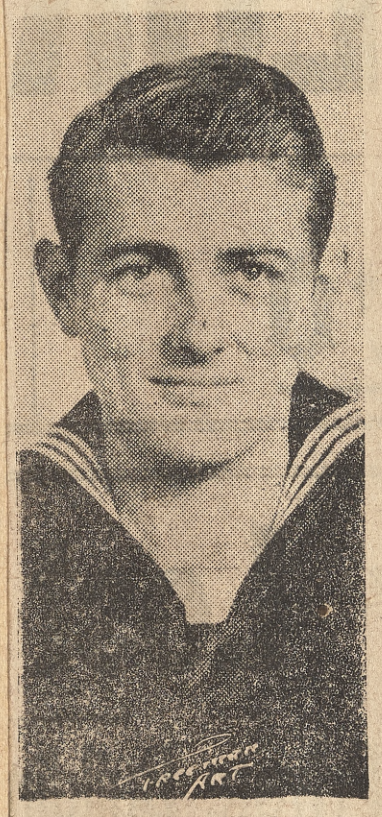
Chief Leroy Mullens

Chief Warrant Officer Leroy (Moon) Mullens of Eureka is now serving aboard a Coast Guard manned troop transport in the Atlantic and expects to return in the early future to the west coast.

The Coast Guard officer recently sailed around the world with his ship on her maiden voyage. His wife, Irene, who teaches at Trinidad, and their children, Yvonne and Delmar, live at 1416 West Avenue.

Mon Nov. 5-1945

Wins Promotion



Chief Milton Rasmussen

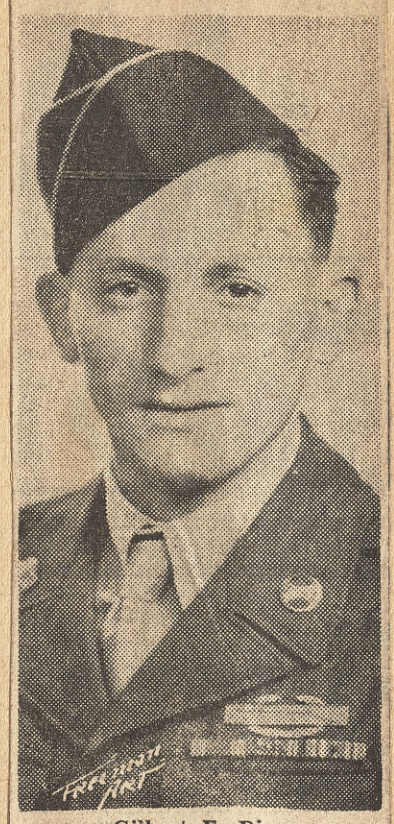
Louis Milton Rasmussen of Eureka has been advanced to chief water tender and is awaiting reassignment preceeding de-commissioning of his ship, the light cruiser, USS Raleigh. The ship is now in the Philadelphia Navy yard.

Rasmussen enlisted in September, 1940, for six years and in December of that year was assigned to the SS Raleigh on which he has served during the war. The Raleigh was damaged during the Jap attack at Pearl Harbor, was repaired and has successfully repaid the Japs with heavy interest in the Aleutian campaign. Now the 21-year old ship has seen her last sea service.

Chief Rasmussen is a brother of Marian and Clifford Rasmussen, Jr., and his father is Clifford Rasmussen of Eureka.

Tues Nov. 6-1945

FROM GERMANY



Gilbert E. Dias

ARCATA, Nov. 8.- Gilbert E. Dias, a private first class, 180th Infantry, 45th Division, is home from Germany and is with his parents, Mr and Mrs. Joseph Dias of Arcata, since being discharged from the Army.

Entering the Army in 1942, Dias went overseas in February, 1944, and participated in actions in Italy, France and Germany, and was a month with the Army of Occupation in Germany. He holds the Infantryman Combat Badge, four Battle Stars, the Arrowhead for a beach landing.

He is a brother of Alex Dias, recently discharged after Army service in the South Pacific, Mrs. Manuel Borges, Mrs. Allen Roberts and Eugene Dias, Hydesville, Mrs. Joe Caetoni, Freshwater, Joe Dias, Jr., Fortuna, Mrs. Carol Martin, McKinleyville.

Fri Nov-9-1945

Home From Army

County Physician

DR. MAX TODD

Dr. Max Todd of Eureka, until recently a captain in the medical staff of the American Air Force in Europe, has returned home on discharge and has been reinstated as county physician by the Humboldt county board of supervisors.

Dr. Todd was given a leave of absence from the position of county physician on February 1, 1943. He returned about two weeks ago and yesterday was reinstated by official action of the board of supervisors.

As a temporary assistant to Dr. Todd, the supervisors named Dr. J. Reicher of Eureka, who has been acting in that capacity at the Community hospital.

Wed Nov 17-1945

On Furlough From England

S-Sgt. Melvin Paxton

Home on recuperation furlough from England, where he served 28 months in a supply and repair depot 50 miles north of London with the 8th Air Force, Staff Sgt. Melvin Paxton is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jori of 420 West Cedar street, and his sister, Mrs. Kenneth Farr of 2320 C street.

While overseas Paxton was married to an English girl, Dolly Morgan, of London, with the Rt. Rev. Bishop Magee of Christ church, Episcopal, officiating. She expects to come to the United States to join her husband early next year. He has re-enlisted in the Army Air Forces.

The staff sergeant's brother is serving aboard the USS Sidney Edgerton in the Maritime Service, and he is expected home soon from the Pacific. Their sister's husband is in the Army Air Forces at Sheppard Field, Texas.

When Sgt. Paxton returned here recently there was a home coming welcome, his relatives here being joined by his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McLindon of Los Angeles, who have been visiting here. Paxton's friends can get in contact with him at 430 Cedar street or 2320 C street.

Thurs Nov 1-1945

RETURNS HOME

HOWARD MILLER DEETER

After ten and a half months overseas in the South Pacific campaign, Howard Miller Deeter of Eureka, has returned home on discharge.

He was aviation chief ordnance man ((AA) (T), V-6, USNR, and was in the air much of the time dropping bombs on the Japs. In one engagement the Japs scored a hit on his plane and killed his tail gunner, but Deeter escaped without injury.

He took part in the French Indo-China and the Philippine campaign and wears two distinguished flying crosses and four air medals. His service also includes teaching ordnance handling to new recruits at the Naval Training Station and the Naval Air Station at San Diego, duty at Norman, Oklahoma with Bombing Squadron 117, and at the Naval Air Station at Alameda.

Before entering the service, Deeter was employed as warehouse foreman for the Safeway Stores in Eureka, and will resume that position.

Mon Nov 12-1945

RETURNS HOME

Sgt. Reggie St. Louis

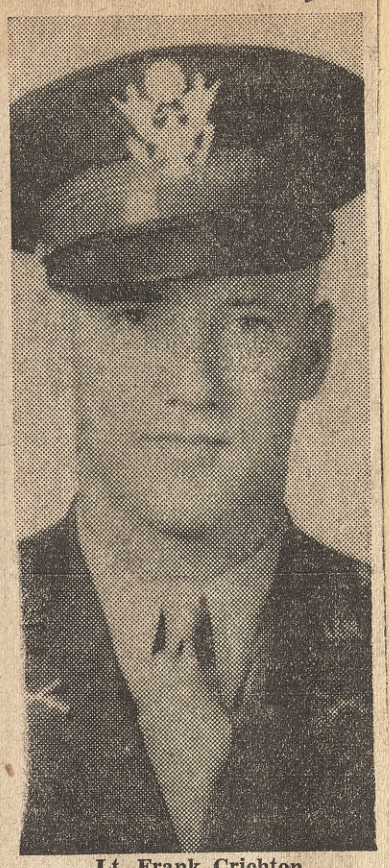
BLUE LAKE, Nov. 14.-Now home from military service after being discharged at Camp Beale Reggie St. Louis and his wife, who met him at the separation center, are living at Blue Lake.

A staff sergeant, St. Louis served 42 months, 22 months in Scotland. He visited many Scottish and English cities while abroad, had formerly been stationed at Mather Field, Sacramento.

Wed Nov 14-1945

Eureka Brothers Win Honors In Army

Cmdr. Benjamin Crichton



Lt. Frank Crichton

Lt. Frank Crichton, who holds two Purple Heart Medals for wounds received in the war, has returned to DeWitt General hospital, and his brother, Cmdr Benjamin H. Crichton of the Merchant Marine has gone to Seattle, Washington, after both visited here with their mother, Mrs. Inez Crichton of Eureka.

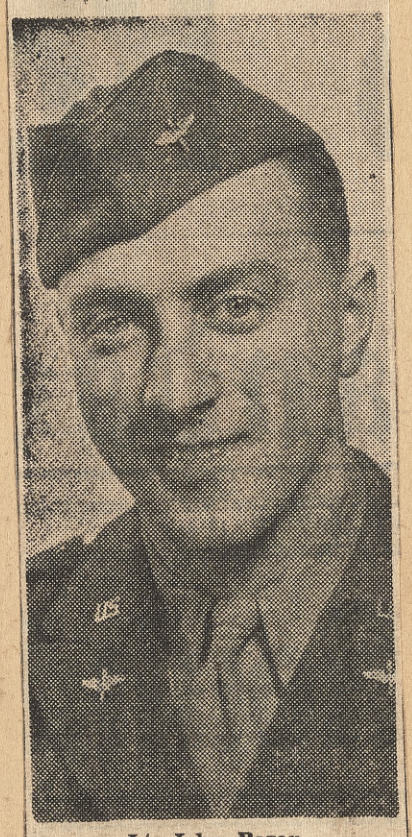
Lt. Crichton recently received the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action against the enemy at Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on January 19, presented by Major Gen. Leonard F. Wing.

Mrs. Crichton is proud of a letter from Gen. Wing in which he said in part: Now that peace is here and our prayers are answered I want you to know I deem it an honor to have served in the same command with your son who typifies the finest in the American Army . . . a brave and gallant soldier.

Cmdr. Crichton has recently returned from overseas duty, having served in the Transport Command. He has been in the Merchant Marine since he was 19 years old.

Fri Nov 16-1945

HOME ON LEAVE



Lt. John Bazan

Home from the European Theater of Operations, where he spent a year and a half as pilot of a P-47 Thunderbolt with the Ninth Army Air Force in ground supporting operations with the armies of Gen. W. H. Simpson and Gen. George S. Patton, is Lt. John Bazan. The officer is on 55-day leave.

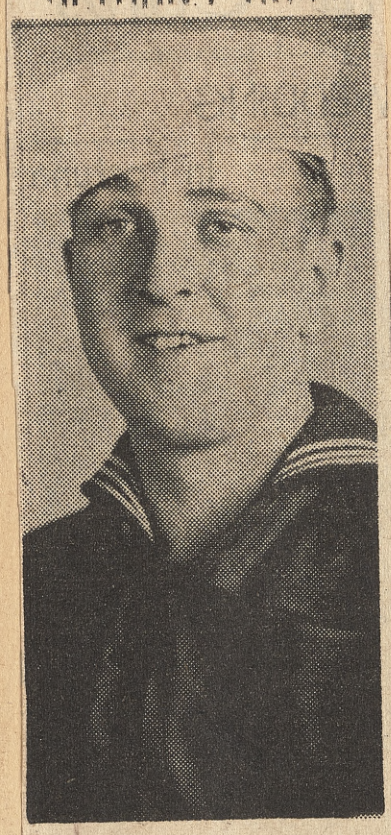
Lt. Bazan served through the Battle of the Bulge and the Battle of Bastogne in Belgium a year ago during the holiday time, also in the Rhine crossing for which he received a personal commendation, in the bombing of the Ruhr valley and in support of the armies all the way to the Elbe river and the war's end.

He came across the Atlantic by ship and arrived here last Sunday. The officer holds the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Lt. Bazan is staying with his mother, Mrs. Lena Bazan of 3352 Pine street, and is visiting with his sisters, Mrs. Alex Walkow, Mrs. Jack Campbell, Mrs. Pauline Lewis and Mrs. Edith Anderson, all of Eureka.

Mon. Nov 19-1945

RETURNS HOME



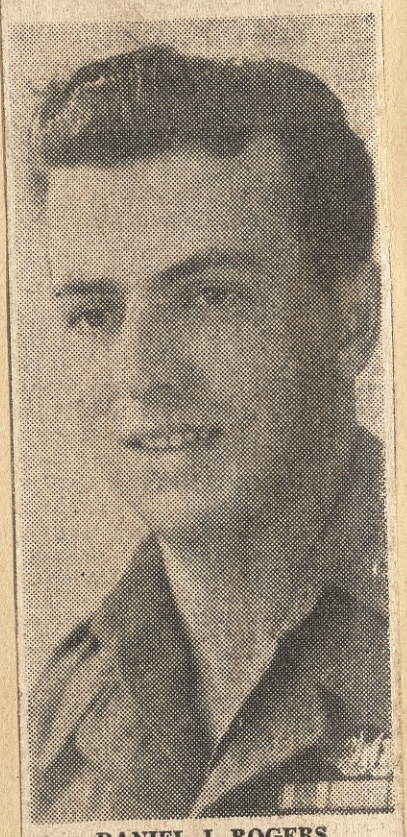
Jack V. Finley

Released to inactive duty, Jack V. Finley, SSM 3/c, Navy, has returned to Eureka and his wife, Rose, of 2515 K street.

He served two years in the Pacific aboard the repair ship USS Ajax. He attended school here and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Finley, live in Eureka.

Mon Nov 19-1945

Gets Discharge



DANIEL J. ROGERS

ARCATA, Nov. 22.-Discharged from the army after two and a half years service, Daniel J. Rogers, a technical sergeant, is home. He was a radio operator and mechanic-gunner, had been one and a half years overseas in the ETO, serving with the Ninth Air Force.

Rogers received the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Good Conduct Medal and Presidential Unit Citation, the European-African - East Mediterranean campaign ribbon.

His wife, formerly Betty Woodcock of Casper, Wyoming, is here with him and Rogers is employed again by Brizards of Arcata.

He is a brother of Mrs. Frank Coleman, Mrs. Joseph Enos, Mrs. Eva Young of Arcata, Mrs. Joseph Smigle of Samoa, Mrs. Joseph Oliver of Ferndale, Louis Rogers of Eureka, Pfc. John Rogers in the Philippines.

Thurs Nov 22-1945

New Retail Store Vet Manager

LT. JAMES R. TAYLOR

Lieutenant James R. Taylor, recently discharged from the armed service in World War II, has been appointed manager of Eureka's newest retail store, the Surplus Store, which will open Saturday morning in the Eagle's building on Fifth street.

Announcement of the appointment was made today by C. M. Moran, who is proprietor of the store. The firm will feature merchandise declared surplus by the Army, Navy, and other government agencies.

Until recently the manager has been an officer in the Army air corps.

The major portion of the Surplus Store's merchandise is supplied by the Veteran's Surplus Stores Corporation, an organization of ex-service merchandising executives. This firm, which is also setting up a warehouse in Eureka, distributes surplus products in northern California.

The Surplus Store will supply a much-needed want here as heretofore sales of surplus goods have been mainly restricted to metropolitan communities.

The Surplus Property Act, passed by Congress, specifies that consumers in rural areas be given an opportunity to purchase surplus goods. It is impractical for the independent retailer to devote time to visit camps to inspect surplus material, so until the advent of the Veterans Surplus Corporation, practically all such merchandise was offered to residents of large cities only.

Wed Nov 14-1945

GETS DISCHARGE

Ross S. Bragdon

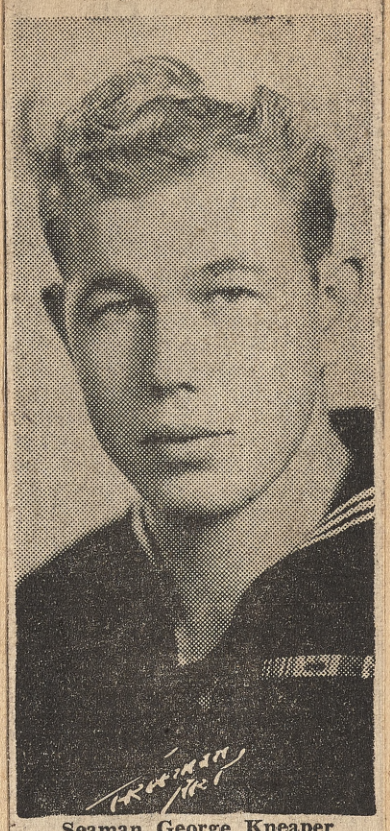
A chief gunners mate before being discharged last week from service with the Navy Seabees, Ross S. Bragdon has returned to Eureka to join his wife, Eileen, and their son, Jack, seven years old, who live at Park and Myrtle streets.

Bragdon has been overseas in the South Pacific area 22 months and in the service three years. He was stationed a year at New Guinea before going to the Philippines and saw action at Subic Bay, Philippine Islands.

Bragdon was formerly associated with his father, M. S. Bragdon, in the furniture business here before the latter's retirement from active business. He is a brother of Mrs. Clarence Haynes of Napa.

Fri Nov 16-1945

Home On Leave



Seaman George Kneaper

Home on leave for 20 days after 20 months aboard the destroyer USS Laws, Seaman 1c George Kneaper has gone to Seattle, Washington, to board his ship for San Diego and further assignment. He visited here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kneaper, his sister and brother, Jean and Richard Kneaper, of 2450 Chester street.

Kneaper served as a loader for 40 mm, guns on the ship, has been in the Navy two and a half years. He has 10 Battle Stars on his Asiatic Pacific service ribbon, participating in actions at New Guinea, Marianas, Wester Caroline Islands, Leyte, Luzon, Iowa Jima, Okinawa, the Philippine Liberation and others.

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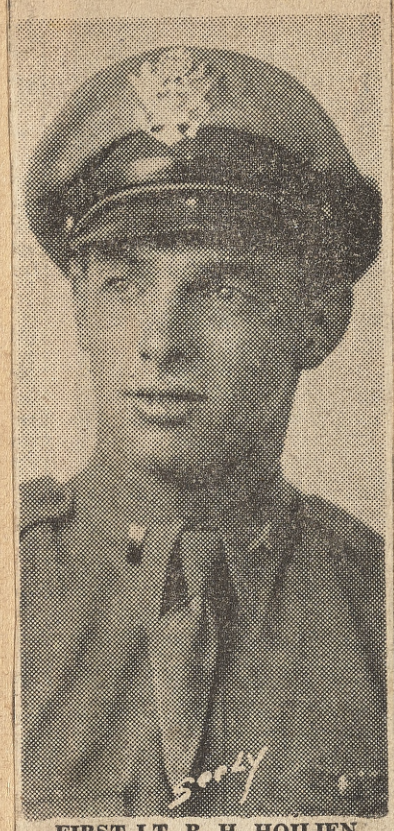
Home On Leave



FIRST LT. R. H. HOILIEN

First Lieutenant Robert H. Hoilien, 24-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Hoilien of 1117 Fifteenth street, Eureka, is now home on leave with his parents, after spending 22 months on overseas duty.

Lt. Hoilien was a pilot with the Fifth Air Force in the South Pacific and has been awarded three air medals, one air medal with two oak leaf clusters and seven battle stars.

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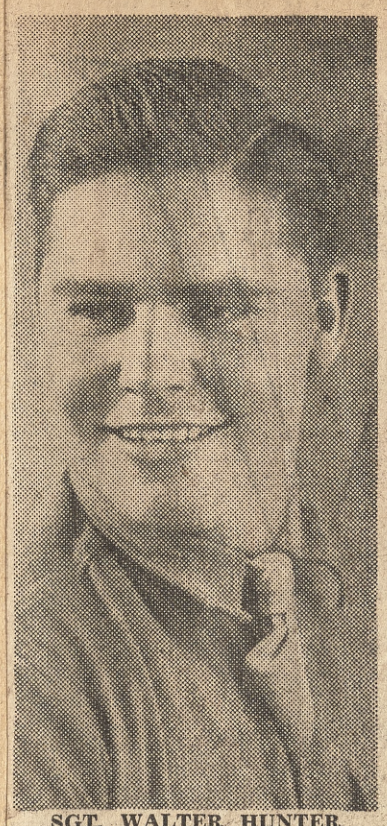
Briceland Brothers Home For Turkey



SGT. WALTER HUNTER

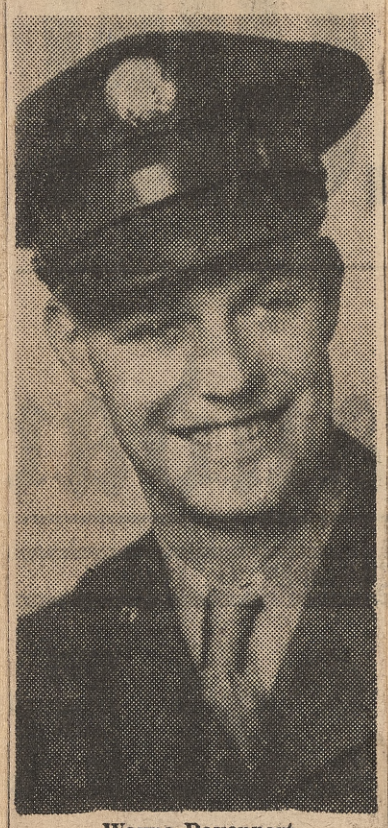
CPL. DART MASON

Staff Sergeant Walter S. Hunter and Corporal Dart D. Mason, both sons of Mrs. Florence Hunter of Briceland, are home in time for Thanksgiving on discharge from the armed forces.

Sergeant Hunter was in action in the Tunisian, Italian, and German campaigns and wears a good conduct medal, two bronze stars, and the European, African, and Middle East campaign ribbons. Corporal Mason has been in action in Europe.

Thurs Nov 22-1945

Gets Discharge



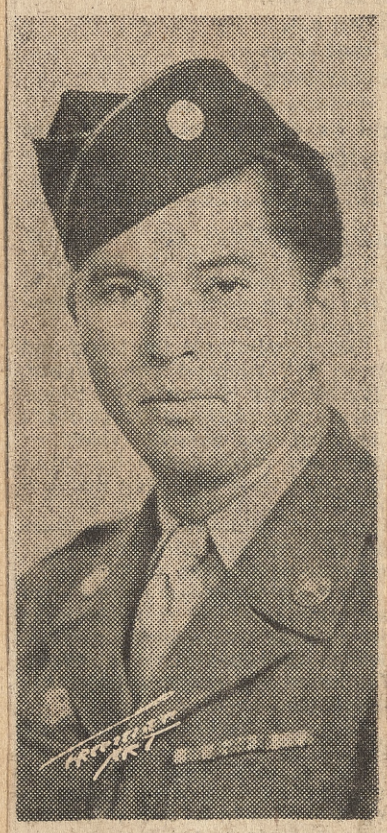
Wayne Davenport

Having served two years in the South Pacific in the Army and a year as a military police in Oakland, Sgt. Wayne Davenport has been discharged at Camp Beale and has returned to Eureka to join his wife, Elna, at their home, 2430 Fairfield street.

Davenport attended Eureka schools and his parents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Davenport of 2126 Tydd street. He is a brother of Lt. (jg) Cledith Davenport now at Newport, Rhode Island, Pfc. Leo Davenport in the Marines now at San Diego enroute home, and of Larry Davenport and Mrs. Henry Bishop of Eureka.

Wed Nov 21-1945

Returns Home



EARL STEVENS

A veteran of North Africa and the Fifth Army's invasion of Italy, Earl Stevens, a private, has returned home to join his wife and two daughters of 2935 Albee street, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stevens.

Stevens served 26 months overseas, earned four battle stars, the Good Conduct Medal, Expert Riflemans badge. He was in the 630th Field Artillery.

Thurs Nov 22-1945

Visited Mother

HASLEN SCOTT, EM 1-c

After spending 30 months in overseas service, Haslen Scott, EM 1-c, son of Mrs. Carolyn Calman, of Eureka, spent a leave here with his mother and is leaving today to report back to his base in San Francisco.

Eugene Calman, younger son of Mrs. Calman, who reached his 18th birthday today is also leaving for the bay area to report for duty in the armed services.

Thurs Nov 22-1945

Eureka Surgeon Resumes Duties

Dr. O. R. Myers

After four years service, Capt. Orris R. Myers has been released from active duty with the navy and has returned to resume his practice of orthopedic surgery. Mrs. Myers and their daughter, Marlene, who were with him at Shoemaker, returned with him and they have reopened their home at 2121 Arcata road.

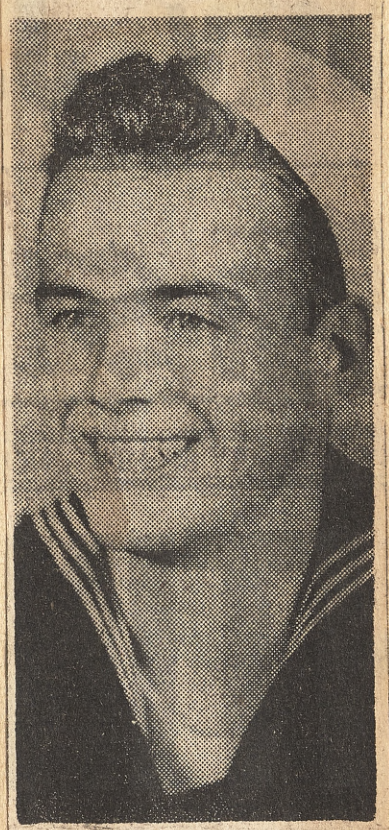
During his naval service, Dr. Myers has been actively engaged in orthopedic surgery at several naval hospitals. Eighteen months of this time was in the South Pacific area, six months aboard the aircraft carrier, USS Enterprise, nine months as chief of orthopedic service at Base Hospital 3 in the Hebrides islands, three months in the naval hospital at Wellington, New Zealand.

Since returning to the states in February, 1944, Dr. Myers has been chief of orthopedic surgery in the naval hospital at Shoemaker until his separation from the service. More than 6000 patients passed through his service, a great percentage being overseas casualties of which there were more than 700 fractures and more than 800 major operative procedures.

Dr. Myers is continuing his practice at the Medico Dental Center, 525 Seventh street.

Fri Nov 23-1945

In South Pacific



Seaman Vernon Bilderback

Serving on an LST in the Pacific area since July, 1944, Seaman 1c Vernon Bilderback of Eureka, lacking eight points to be released from active duty when he last wrote his parents, was based on Guam. Writing to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bilderback of 1248 East avenue, the seaman said he was quite happy for there is a fine bunch of fellows on the ship.

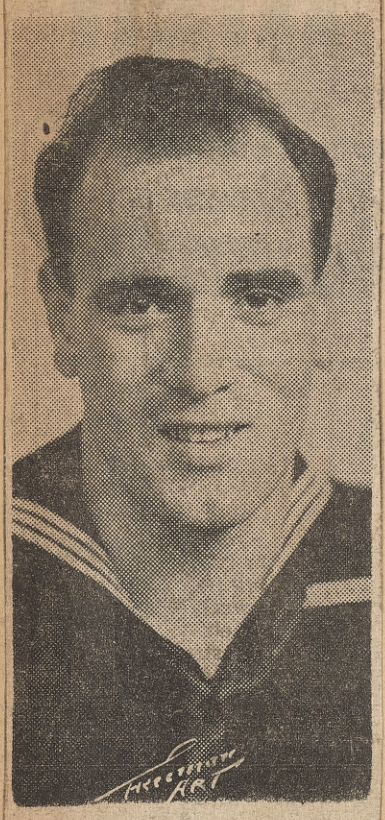
He had left Saipan two months ago and in October was in Tokyo Bay and then anchored off Yokahama. When he had liberty to visit Tokyo he had seen the Emperor's palace and said the Japs were still bowing their heads toward the palace when ever they came near it. He sent home a variety of Japanese paper money.

Bilderback said his ship was heading for Leyte, P. I., the next day, which would be November 11.

The Eureka youth has been in the Navy two years. He is a brother of James D. and Eugene C. Bilderback of Eureka. Before entering the Navy he attended Eureka high school and had been employed by the Dolbeer-Carson and Hammond Lumber companies.

Wed Nov-28-1945

RETURNS HOME



Valentine Rocha

FERNDALE, Nov. 24. - A gunners mate in the Navy, Valentine N. Rocha of Ferndale has returned home on leave from the Pacific and is visiting his wife and son, Danny Lee of Rohnerville, and relatives in Ferndale. After the 15-day leave he will report at Terminal Island to board his ship, a carrier, now o n "Magic Carpet" duty returning veterans from the South Pacific. He expects early release to inactive duty.

Rocha served 15 months in combat duty and two months with the occupation forces in Japan, leaving Tokyo bay on the carrier, USS Lunga Point, with troops homeward bound.

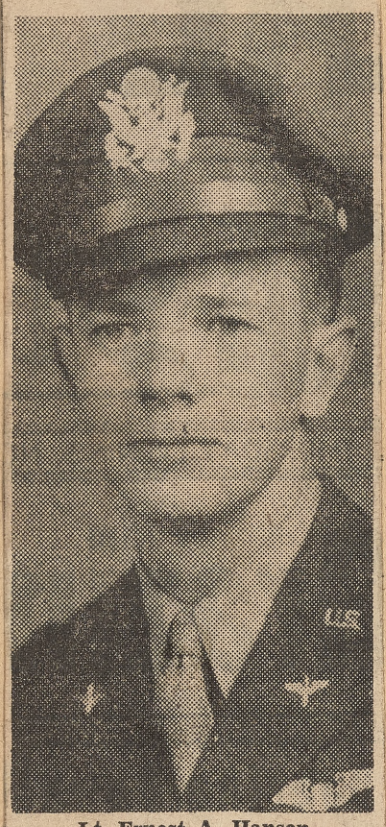
He was in the major battles of Leyte, Luzon, Iwo Jima and Okinawa, saw action in the Sula Sea, South China Sea, Saka Shima and off Shanghai, China. When off Iwo Jima, Rocha's ship was hit by a Jap torpedo plane but the resulting fire was later controlled and the damage repaired. He was awarded two Citations for action in the Sula Sea. While with the Occupation Forces in Japan in several cities, he had opportunity to see the damage caused by the atomic bombing of Nagasaki.

His father is Joaquin N. Rocha and he is a brother of Delbert, Joseph, Edward, Lional, Jack and Lucille Rocha, all of Ferndale.

Sat Nov 24-1945

Death Verified

Killed In Action



Lt. Ernest A. Hansen

FORTUNA, Nov. 29.-Official word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hansen that their son, 1st Lt. Ernest A. Hansen, Army Air Forces, was killed in action February 16 while on his 29th mission over Germany.

The Hansens recently received the following letter from Major Gen. Edward F. Witsell:

It is with regret that I am writing to confirm the recent telegram informing you of the death of your son, originally reported missing in action last February.

It has been officially established from reports received that your son was killed in action on that date near Zwolle, Holland, 15 miles south of Meppel, Holland, as the result of destruction of his aircraft by enemy anti-aircraft fire.

I know the sorrow this message has brought you and it is my hope that in time the knowledge of his heroic sacrifice in the service of his country may be of sustaining comfort. I offer you my deepest sympathy.

Narrow Escapes

On two previous missions Lt. Hansen had narrow escapes but was able to make safe landings against extreme and harrowing circumstances. Early in November of last year he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for a mission to Merseberg, Germany. Hansen and his squadron returned to base in England after one mission with one engine knocked out completely by flak and the propellor made uncontrollable. An even more hazardous landing was made on the 11th mission in a Flying Fortress to bomb oil refineries at Bohlen in the Leipzig area.

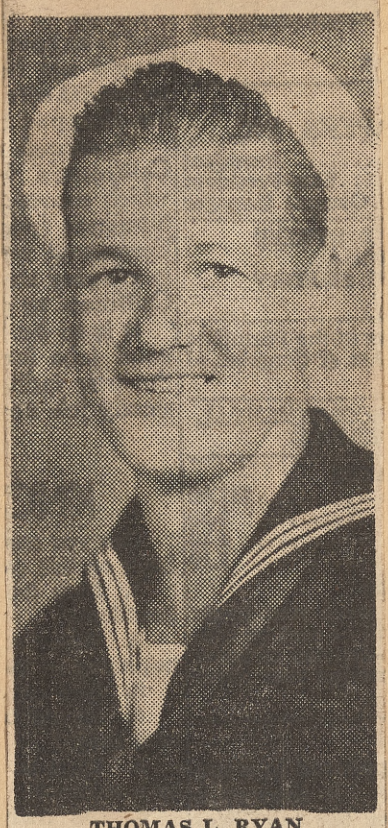
The Lieutenant's parents recently received his medals, including the ETO campaign ribbon, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Presidential Unit Citation and the Purple Heart.

Lt. Hansen was a graduate of Fortuna High School, was a member of the school band that played when the Golden Gate bridge was opened. After graduating from Woodbury college, Los Angeles, he become a private secretary to the general freight agent, Southern Pacific railway, until he enlisted in February, 1943, and went overseas in September, 1944.

Also surviving him are his sister, Audrey Hansen of Fortuna, his grandparents, Mrs. Lena Hammer and Sigert Hansen of Eureka.

Thurs Nov 29-1945

GETS RELEASE



THOMAS L. RYAN

Thomas L. Ryan of Eureka, formerly a boatswains mate 1c in the Navy Beabees, has been released from active duty at Camp Shoemaker and has joined his wife, the former Constance Clifton. Their home is at 1929 Second street.

Ryan served two and a half years in the Seabees, 22 months overseas. He spent a year on New Guinea and nine months at Subic Bay, Philippine Islands.

Before enlisting he was employed here by the Chicago Bridge and Iron company. His mother, Mrs. Frances Ryan, lives at 103 Sixth street.

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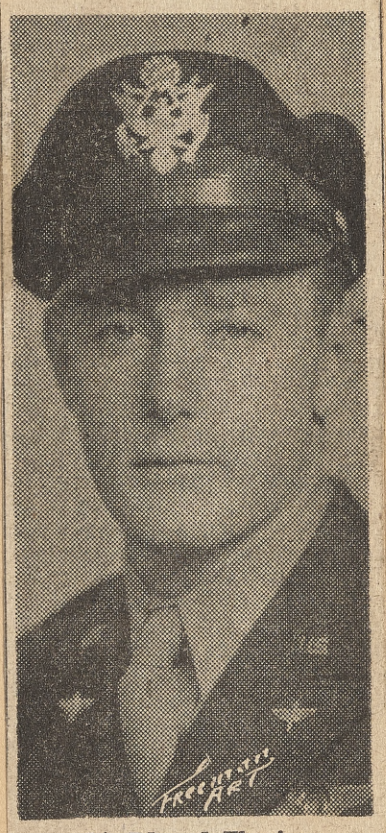
Wins Commission

Visiting Parents



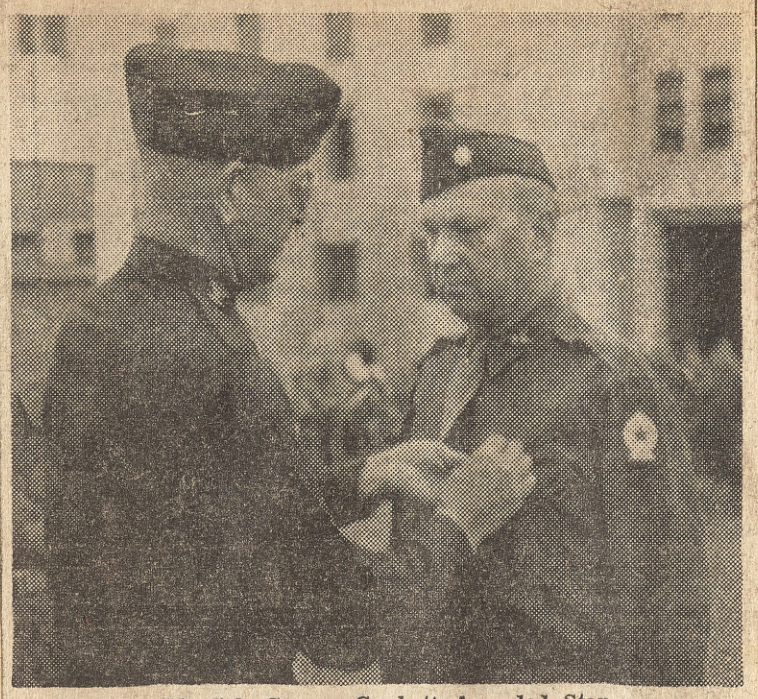
Lt. Edward Fleming

Commissioned Nov. 6 at Hondo Army Air Field, Texas, Lt. Edward D. Fleming has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fleming of Eureka, before returning to Hondo for assignment.

Fleming enlisted in the AAF in December, 1942, is a graduate of Eureka High school where he was a member of the track and football teams.

Mon. Nov. 26-1945

Eureka Officer Receives Bronze Star



Lt. Col. George Co rbett Awarded Star

Picture shows Lieut. Colonel George A. Corbett of Eureka receiving the bronze star from Colonel Maxwell James, commanding officer, Pensouth, Italy. Photo by Army pictorial service.

The picture and citation were received here by Lt. Corbett's mother, Mrs. Carrie D. Corbett, and his sister, Mrs. Irma Jackson, who live at 1105 Seventh street. Corbet has a wife and son living at Fullerton, California.

Before entering the service, Liut. Col. Corbett was assistant district attorney of Humboldt county, with District Attorney J. R. Scott, and was a widely known practitioner of law. He is still in Italy.

The citation reads as follows:

"To Lieutenant Colonel George A. Corbett, judge advocate general's department, headquarters PBS, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Italy from September 1, 1944 to July 31, 1945.

"Lieutenant Colonel Corbett, assigned to the judge advocate's section, was confronted with the handling of an unprecedented number of courts-martial cases. Insufficient officer and enlisted personnel resulted in an increasing accumulation of unfinished work. The stockades under the jurisdiction of this headquarters were overcrowded and contained many prisoners who had been confined for long periods of time without trial.

"Assuming the duties of executive officer, Lieutenant Colonel Corbett at once recognized and vigorously attacked the responsibility facing him. He personally reviewed the charges and records of all prisoners held in confinement in PBS stockades and was responsible for the restoration to duty or immediate trial of all prisoners held in confinement for unreasonable periods.

"By his unselfish devotion and application to duty, Lieutenant Colonel Corbett served as an inspiration for all personnel with whom he worked and his distinctive achievements reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. He entered service from Eureka, California".

Fri Nov 30-1945

Killed In Crash

Enroute Home

Sgt. Scott M. Lewis

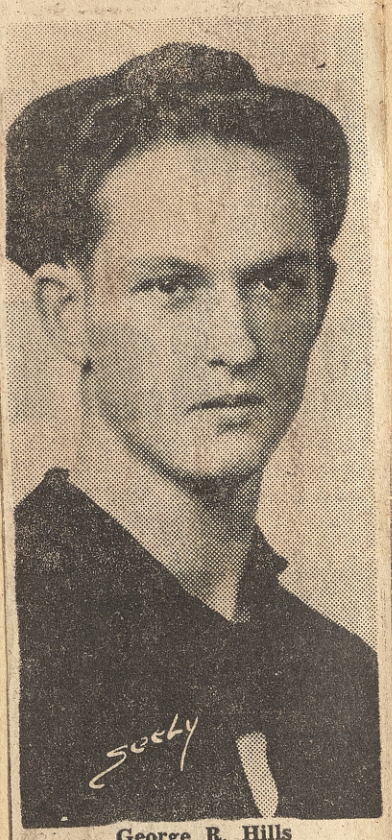
Stationed in Greece since V-E day, Sgt. Scott M. Lewis, who formerly worked in the redwood industry in southern Humboldt and northern Mendocino county, w a s killed in an airplane crash November 9 while flying to Italy for transfer home and discharge.

The crash occurred over Sicily. Sgt. Lewis served three years with the Army Forestry Engineers, going overseas to Africa in May, 1943, on to Italy in December, and later to Greece.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Lewis, the sergeant's parents, live at Fort Bragg.

Fri Nov 30-1945

Home On Leave



George R. Hills

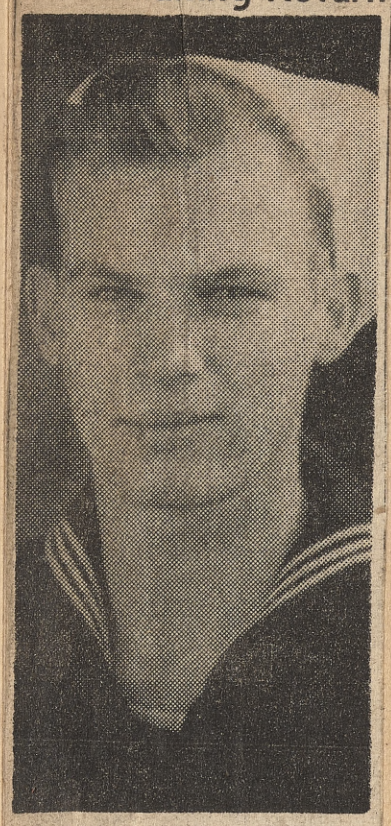
A chief cook in the Maritime Service, George R. Hills is home on leave to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Hills of 1731 K street.

Hills is a graduate of Eureka High school and has been employed in local restaurants before becoming a merchant seaman. He has been in Panama, Pearl Harbor, the West Indies, Japan and other places in the Pacific. The seaman has a brother, Allan Hills of Eureka.

Mon Dec 24-1945

With Seabees

Waiting Return



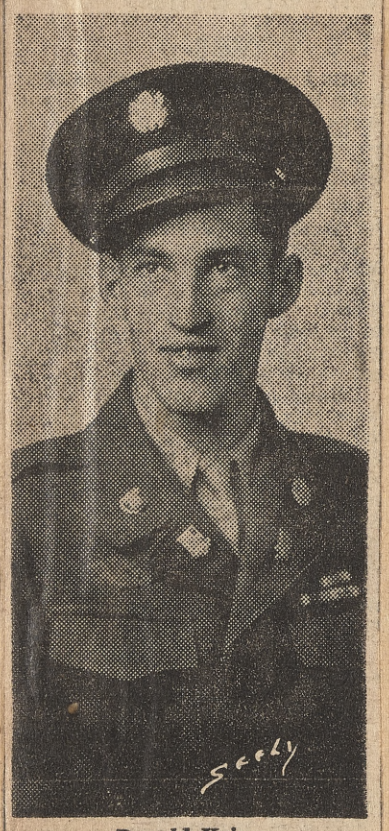
William G. Paul, MMlc

With the Seabees on Saman Island, William G. Paul, MMlc, of Garberville is awaiting return to the States after being overseas since Demember 1943. He enlisted in November, 1942, and went from Camp Perry to Gulfport to sail for Brisbane, Australia and then to Saman Island.

Writing to his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goble of Bayside, the Seabee said he saw no direct action on the island but they were on the alert all the time and could hear battles 15 miles distant. Once, he wrote, 200 hungry Japs got in the chow line and were soon taken prisoners. They endured extreme heat and much rain, he said, which caused foods to mould quickly.

Thurs Nov 29-1945

RETURNS HOME



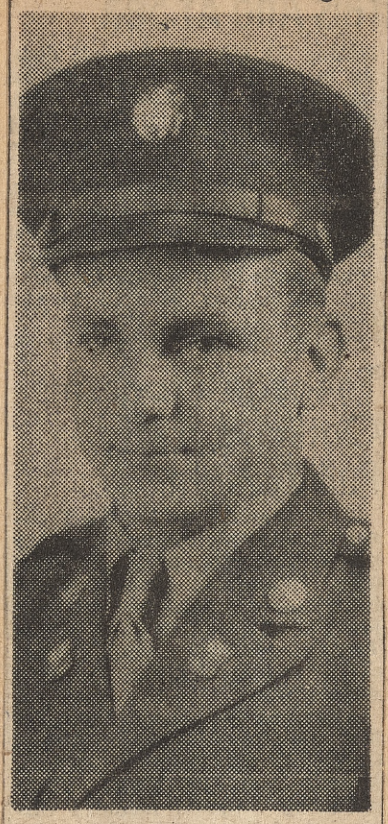
Donald Kring

ORICK, Dec. 7.-Donald Kring of Orick, an Army sergeant until he was released from active duty recently, is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Kring of Orick where he is associated with his father in operating their dairy ranch.

Kring sailed from Korea on the USS Gordon, arriving 11 days later at Seattle, Washington. He had been overseas two and a half years in the Quartermaster Corps, 7th Division. His decorations include four Battle Stars, the Philippine Liberation ribbon with two Bronze Stars, the Good Conduct Medal and another Bronze Star for the first Philippine landing.

Fri Dec 7-1945

To Get Discharge



Pvt. William Vides

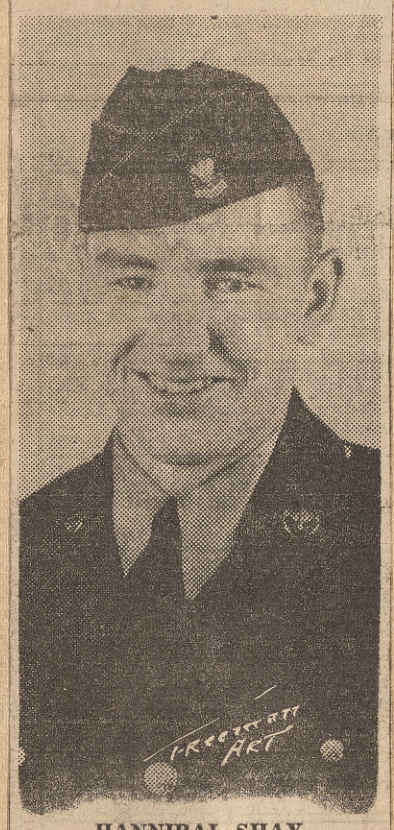
After spending a 30-day furlough with his sister, Mrs. Donald Smith of Fortuna and other relatives in the county, Pvt. William Vides, formerly of Eureka, has returned to San Francisco to be discharged from active duty.

Pvt. Vides served 29 months overseas as an airplane mechanic and he expects to follow that line of work in San Francisco where he had been employed before entering the Army.

The soldier's father is Anton Vides of Eureka and he is also a brother of Emil Vides of Ukiah, John Vides of San Francisco, Mrs. Peter Fabbri of Arcata and Ann Vides of Santa Rosa.

Sat Dec 1-1945

Coming Home



HANNIBAL SHAY

Pfc. Hannibal (Hank) Shay, whose mother, Mrs. Nancy Shay, lives at 3234 Prospect avenue, has arrived in Virginia to be discharged from active duty and expects to be home soon.

Shay served nearly three years in the Army Air Force and has been overseas the last 26 months, serving in India and China. During part of the time he was stationed in India he flew gasoline cargoes over the "hump" into China.

His brother, Lt. Emmitt Shay, is an Air Force pilot stationed in Savannah, Georgia. They are brothers of Carl Shay of San Francisco, Edgar Shay of Eureka, Mrs. Orval Luster of Lewiston, Idaho, and Mrs. Fred Lowell of Arcata.

Fri Dec 7-1945

Resumes Position

Credit Association

Virdon E. Leonard

Virdon E. Leonard has resumed his former position as assistant manager of the Credit Association of Humboldt county after recently being discharged after four years in the army and 34 months overseas service in New Hebrides, Guadalcanal, Bougainville and other Pacific bases. He served two years in the finance department and two with the 325th Ordnance company.

Leonard will assist in the clearance and collection department and he has gained considerable experience in the collection department when he handled court work before entering the army. Since he has been in the army he has kept posted through data from the national association.

The local bureau was organized in 1916 and incorporated in 1928. The bureau, covering Del Norte, Humboldt and Mendocino counties, is a merchant and professionally owned bureau—not an independent. It is a member of the state association and the national association. The national association includes bureaus from all over the world There are 100 bureaus in California, covering all sections.

The bureau maintains an efficient clearance (reporting) department and a collection department and is governed by a board of directors consisting of 12 men, who represent various industries and professions and are elected to serve two years without pay, by the membership. These men meet once a month or more and offer counsel, guiding the operations of the bureau.

Licensed to the state and national government for the conduct of all business transactions, the board at all times desires business carried on so that the bureau is a constructive element in the community to assist both debtors and creditors.

Mon Dec 3-1945

RETURNS HOME

Leo A. Davenport

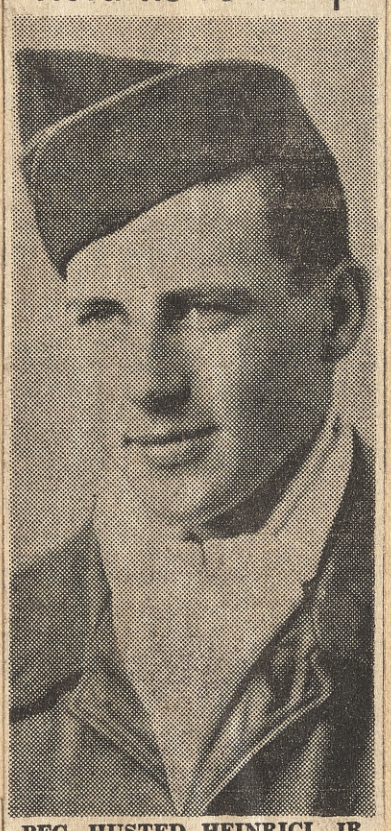
Leo A. Davenport, a private first class in the Marine Corps, has been released from active duty after two years in the South Pacific and has returned home.

He participated in action against the enemy at Cape Gloucester New Britain, Ryuku Islands and Okinawa and had gained proficiency as a heavy artillery crewman. Davenport was awarded three combat stars, Presidential Unit Citation and the Navy citation.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Davenport, and his brother, Larry, live at 2120 Tydd street; a sister, Mrs. Henry Biship at Ryan Slough. His brother, F. W. Davenport, recently married and discharged from the Army, lives in Eureka and another brother, Lt. (jg) C. E. Davenport, is on the carrier, USS Kearsarge, now at Newport, Rhode Island.

Tues Dec 4-45

Returns To Camp



PFC. HUSTED HEINRICI, JR.

Pfc. Husted Heinrici has gone to Camp Kearns, Utah, after being home with his wife and daughter at 2404 Myrtle avenue on a 30-day re-enlistment furlough.

He has trained as a B-29 specialist mechanic at Shepperd Field and at Amarillo, Texas, at Keesler Field, Mississippi, and at Salina, Kansas.

Sat Dec 8-1945

Gets Promotion

Dr. G. T. Quigg

Dr. G. Thomas Quigg, who practiced dentistry here from 1927 until he entered naval service in June, 1942, was promoted to commander last Novemberf 5 and will be released from actve duty next Wednesday. He is now associated with Dr. L. Rizal Musser in San Francisco.

The officer served at Yerba Buena and Treasure Islands, San Francisco, before he was sent to Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshalls where he directed a proshetic unit for the Marshall and Gilbert Islands.

While in Eureka he was a past grand knight, district deputy and state warden, Knights of Columbus. He is a graduate of Eureka High school and University of California. Dr. Quigg, his wife and son, Thomas, are living in the bay city. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Quigg, live at 740 E street.

Tues Dec 4-1945

RETURNS HOME

Elmo H. Sarvis

In the Army Air Forces since October, 1942, Elmo H. Sarvis, a corporal, has been discharged from active duty at Santa Ana, is home with his wife, Helen, and they are moving into their former home at 523 Dollison strett. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Sarvis, live at 2302 C street.

Serving overseas 18 months, Sarvis was on duty in the European Theatre of Operations, won the Soldiers Medal for Valor. He trained in Lassen college at Susanville and at Fresno, attended radio school at Madison, Wisconsin.

Tues Dec 11-1945

Out Of Service

James W. Henderson

Released from active duty in the Coast Guard in which he served nearly four years and held the rating of lieutenant, James W. Henderson has returned to Eureka accompanied by his wife. He plans to open a law office here in the early future. Mrs. Henderson is the former Mary Grant of Berkeley.

A graduate of University of California and the UC School of Jurisprudence, Henderson also attended Humboldt State college and Eureka schools. He was admitted to the bar before entering the Coast Guard and was assigned for almost two years as assistant law officer, 12th Naval District, Coast Guard offices.

Hs is a son of Mrs. Victor M. Dudek of 1603 H street and the late J. W. Henderson.

Sat Dec 8-1945

Gets Discharge

Takes Old Job

P. L. (Duke) Harmon

FORTUNA, Dec. 24 — Discharged after three years service and 31 months with the 11th air force in the Aleutians, P. L. (Duke) Harmon has returned home and is manager of Bistrin's department store. He formerly managed the Scotia department store.

A. M. Bistrin said he is happy to have Harmon as manager because he is experienced as well as being an ex-serviceman. Harmon, a graduate of Fortuna schools, served as a staff sergeant in the army.

Mon Dec 24-1945

Presumed Dead

Lost In 1943

Chester Smith, MM 3C

Missing in action since March, 1942, Chester B. Smith, MM 3C aboard the USS Asheville, is presumed now to have lost his life when his ship was sunk in the vicinity of Java, according to official word from James Forrestal, Secretary of the Navy, to Smith's mother, Mrs. Elmer Olson of Eureka.

The following letter was received recently by Mrs. Olson from Secretary Forrestal:

"Chester Ballentyne Smith, MM 3/c, U. S. navy has been carried on the official records of the navy department in the status of mission in action as of March 1, 1942, when the USS Asheville, the ship aboard which he served, was reported lost as a result of enemy action.

"According to information which has now been received, on February 1942, a strong enemy force operating in two groups about 150 miles south and east of Tjilatjap, Java, were reported headed toward the northwest. On March 1, 1942, all allied surface vessels operating in the vicinity of Java were ordered to proceed to Exmouth Gulf, Australia. In compliance with this order, the Asheville left Tjilatjay at 2:48 p. m. on that date.

"A survivor of the Ashville, who later died as a prisoner of war at Makasar, Selebes Island, East Indies, informed naval personnel who were liberated from that camp, that the Asheville was sunk approximately 300 miles south of Java by fire from enemy surface vessels. While many of the crew were killed in the action, some of the other personnel managed to abandon ship. After the ship sank three Japanese destroyers came along-side, only one of which threw out a rescue line. The above mentioned crew member was the only survivor taken aboard ship and the remainder of the crew were left in the water. To date, no further information has been received concerning the Asheville or any other member of the crew.

"In view of the length of time that has elapsed since your son was determined to be missing in action, because of the strong possibility that he lost his life during the engagement with the enemy or afterward, in the water, because no official nor unconfirmed reports have been received that any of the crew survived, because his name has not appeared on any lists or reports of personnel liberated from Japanese prisoner of war camps, I am reluctantly forced to the conclusion that he is deceased. Death is presumed to have occurred on November 25, 1945.

"I know what little solace the formal and written word can be to help meet the burden of your loss, but in spite of that knowledge, I cannot refrain from saying very simply, that I am sorry. It is hoped that you may find comfort in the thought that your son gave his life for his country, upholding the highest traditions of the navy.

Fri Dec 14-1945

Returns Home

Eugene Costa

BLUE LAKE, Dec. 14.-Eugene Costa, who served two and a half years, earned six battle Stars and held the rating of corporal in the Signal Corps, has been discharged and is at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Costa.

His twin brother, John, is also home, discharged recently after three and a half years overseas service during which he was wounded once. Their brother Frank Costa, still in service, has been twice wounded. Eugene and Frank and Frank Costa, Robert Acorn and Donald Warren, all of Blue Lake, had met in the Philippines.

When Frank Costa was in Washington, D. C. he greeted President Truman in the White House and heard congressional discussions about atomic power.

Fri Dec 14-1945

Gets Discharge

Joins Local Firm

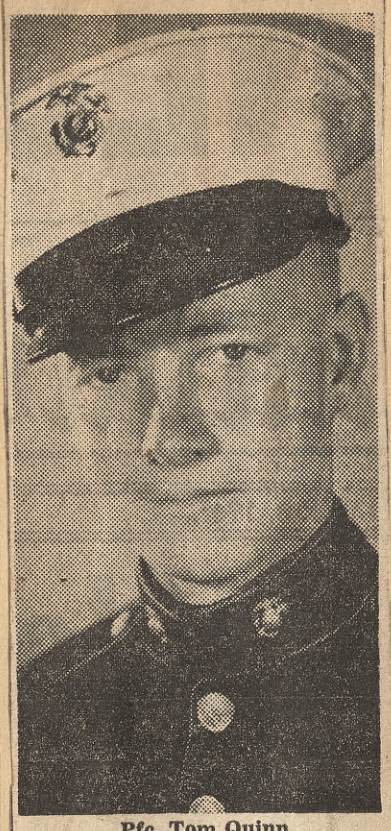
STANLEY M. ABRAHAMSEN

Back from the army on a recent discharge, Stanley Abrahamsen has joined the White House firm as a partner with Henry Terheyden. In the service, Abrahamsen was a first lieutenant with the 765th Field Artillery. He spent five years on active duty, eight months of the time in Europe.

He is a graduate of the Eureka high school and Armstrong junior college and was employed at Arthur Johnson's men's store before entering the service. Terheyden and Abrahamsen plan to add several new departments to the White House as soon as merchandise is available.

Wed Dec 19-1945

Home On Leave



Pfc. Tom Quinn

Having been overseas in the South Pacific 14 months, Pfc. Tom Quinn of the Sea Marines is home on 30-day leave to visit his parents, State Senator Irwin T. Quinn and Mrs. Quinn of 2205 H street. Later he will report at the Alameda base for continued duty.

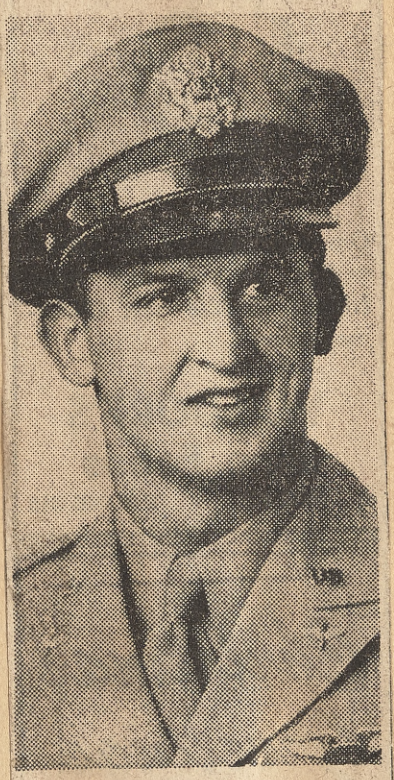
Quinn served on the battleship USS Colorado, manning the 20-20 and 40-40 anti-aircraft guns. He fought in the battles of Leyte, Mondora, Linguyan Gulf and Okinawa, and wah with the fleet when Japan was occupied.

His ship was among the first to suffer damage from the kamikaze Jap planes, being struck during the battle of Leyte. His ship holds a record for firing more ammunition than any other battleship. They expended huge quantities during the Leyte battle where they were in action 60 days.

Pvt. Quinn came back to the states with the 3rd Fleet and arrived home a few days ago on his 20th birthday anniversary.

Sat Dec 8-1945

Returns Home



Dayton D. Murray

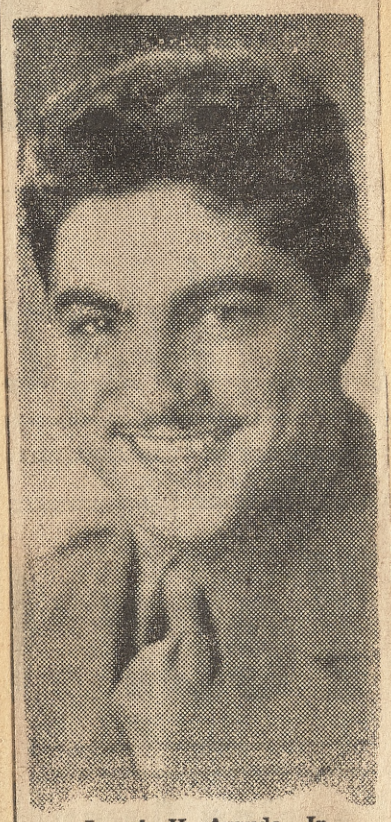
In the Army Air Forces 37 months of which 14 were spent in France, Belgium and Germany Dayton D. Murray, a first lieutenant, has been discharged and is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Murray of 2025 G street. He plans to return to Humboldt State college next term.

Murray was a P-38 pilot attached to the 30th Photo Reconaissance Squadron, 9th Air Force. He flew 47 missions, holds the European theater ribbon with three Battle Stars, Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Presidential Citation with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Mon Dec 24-1945

Returns Home

With Bride



Joseph H. Arruda, Jr.

After three years in the Army and service with a field hospital unit in Africa and Italy, Joseph H. Arruda, Jr., of Bucksport, was discharged as a staff sergeant December 6. He was married in Michigan December 19 to Lucille Kovach and they are living at Bucksport.

The soldier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arruda of Bucksport, entertained for them at a shower party given in the KC hall here one recent evening. Guests enjoyed dancing, card games and refreshments and presented gifts to the newlyweds.

Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. James Paradise and sons, Mr and Mrs. Frank Silva and son, Mrs. Mary Sousa and son, Anthony Pires, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mello and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gonsalves and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cruz, Miss Dorothy Arruda, Frances, Richard and Clark Bonday, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rocha, Edward and June Jonas, Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Toste and son, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Pires and family, Rose Przybylski, Ted Gerlach, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Machado and family, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Marson and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Simas, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Toste, Mr. and Mrs. John Pires, Jr., and family, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Sousa, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Goveia and daughter, Bill Koble, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goszlin, Mr. and Mrs. McBride, Mr. and Mrs. Beattie, Keigh Goszlin, Max, Albert and Joe Cardoza, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Arruda and family, Mary Cruz, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mello, Jr., and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pires and family, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Borges, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nilsen, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nilsen, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Nilsen, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burley and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. John Machado, Jr.

Mon Dec 31-1945

Pfc. Fidel Caliesch Now In Germany

Pfc. Fidel Caliesch of 3624 Utah street is working as a sign painter for the Army in the Palace of Justics in Nurnberg, Germany, according to word recently received by relatives here.

The building covers about three city blocks but was not badly damaged during air raids, Caliesch writes. He said also there had been a heavy snowfall followed by equally heavy rains there, making it difficult and dangerous to travel.

Pvt. Caliesch has attended for eight weeks the American Shrivenham University of Art, making excellent marks for his painting and scholarship.

Fri Jan 18-1946

Patton Came Near Death Many Times As He Led Third Army Tanks

By ROBERT RICHARDS
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 -(U.P.)- Lots of people expected Georgie Patton to get killed. He even talked about it, himself, in the wild days when his Third Army swept hell-bent across Europe.

But no one thought it would happen like this.

No one expected to see him killed in peacetime — the victim of a traffic accident.

Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., had at least three brushes with death, back in the times when his Shermans and tank destroyers were still hurling their shells and all good G. I.'s called Germans "Krauts."

A German 380 millimeter railway gun just missed his headquarters at Nancy, France. Once it even hit the headquarters, but Patton wasn't home.

Another time a large shell landed within 10 feet of Patton's parked jeep, but it was a dud. "If it had gone off, I wouldn't be here," he said.

Then near Nuernberg, at the end of the war, a German fighter attacked Patton's tiny liason plane. The skilled pilot managed to dive close to the ground and the fighter, unable to pull out, crashed in flames.

At the height of the Ardennes Bulge battle, it was rumored that picked German troops had special orders to come after Patton.

PATTED HIS PISTOL

The general always patted his pistol when he talked about possible capture. "They won't take me alive," he said, and he meant it. His eyes always lighted up while he talked, as if he might enjoy such a fight.

"Officers should never let themselves be captured," he said.

I followed the Third Army from the Lemans area, in France, to Pilsen, in Czechoslovakia, on V-E Day. I saw the Thirders, doughfeet close-up, day after day, and I think the vast majority of them liked Patton. And most were proud to be in his army.

Why?

I think it was because he had such tremendous vitality, and such complete self-confidence. He never saw the day when he didn't know that he could lick the other guy.

And, despite his reckless reputation, in battle he seldom wasted lives. He took big chances only when he knew it was reasonably safe to take them.

He thought that the Third Army was the best in the world, and he made his men feel it.

He once said, "Why, Julius Caeser wouldn't have been but a one-star general in the Third Army."

LOVED THE BATTLE

He always admired skilled and daring fighting. Speaking of one armored division lieutenant, he said: "He's a good man, and he'll get killed. All the good ones get killed."

Despite his supreme confidence, Patton had great respect for the Germans as fighters. Once, around Metz, he said, "they're valorous fighters. You must give them credit for that."

Another time, earlier in the push through France, he told correspondents half-serious, half-jokingly, "give me 30 German colonels, and I'll win this war tomorrow."

It was not always easy to tell whether Patton was joking or serious.

He prefaced each press conference with the remark, "All right, boys, don't quote me unless you want me to go home."

He knew the full value of acting. Once some SHAEF correspondents came down to interview Patton at Nancy. At his normal press meeting he usually wore only one pistol, swung low in western fashion.

This time he came in loaded down with at least three. He proceeded to pull them out and elaborately laid them on a nearby table. You could almost hear the SHAEF boys saying: "Gee, just like we expected."

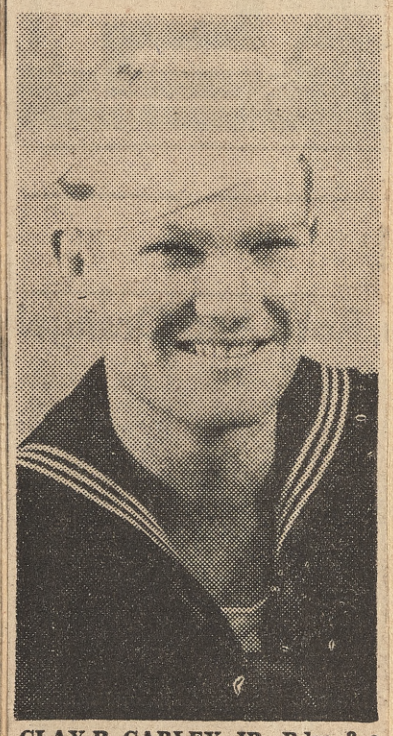
Fri. Dec. 21-1945

Gen. Patton Dies

Finally Lost A Battle

General George S. Patton, affectionately known as "Old Blood and Guts" to thousands of GIs and probably as tough a commander so far as punching holes in the enemy lines is concerned, as America ever produced, lost his greatest battle today, when respiratory complications finally exhausted the general's strength

WINS PROMOTION



CLAY B. CARLEY, JR., Rdm. 3 c

Radarman Clay Carley

Serving on the USS Biloxi since August, 1944, Clay B. Carley, Jr., of Eureka has recently been promoted to radarman 3c. In the Navy 21 months he saw action at Saipan, Tinian, Guam, Palau, Wolei, Ulithi, New Guinea, Formosa, Luzon, Okinawa, the Philippines and Japan.

Carley, a Eureka High graduate and member of the school band, helped organize a band aboard his ship. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clay B. Carley of 1319 F street and his brother, George, attends Eureka High.

Thurs Jan 3-1946

Eureka Airman, Survivor Of Three Accidents, Visiting Parents

Survivor of three airplane accidents under conditions generally considered to be fatal, First Lieutenant Frederick Quinn of the Army Air Force, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Quinn of Eureka, is home on terminal leave without any visible signs of his harrowing experiences. His leave expires February 2, 1946, when he will be eligible for honorable discharge.

Lieutenant Quinn entered the Army Air Force in June, 1942. He served as a pilot in the 13th Air Force in the Philippine and China campaigns, and in the Fifth Air Force in the Japanese occupation campaign.

Wounded three times, he is the holder of the purple heart, six battle stars of the Asiatic-Pacific operations, the air medal, the Philippine liberation, the occupation of Japan, and the American defense awards.

He first bailed out of a disabled airplane at Santa Maria, California. His plane, loaded with ammunition, went into a flat spin from which he could not right it. When only 150 feet from the ground he leaped, his parachute opening almost at the same time that he hit the ground. He said he could hardly tell which came first, the jerk of the parachute or his impact with the earth.

The plane landed first and exploded and caught fire, and he dropped down only twenty feet away from it and its load of exploding ammunition. He wasn't wounded except to be knocked unconscious for a time by the impact of the fall.

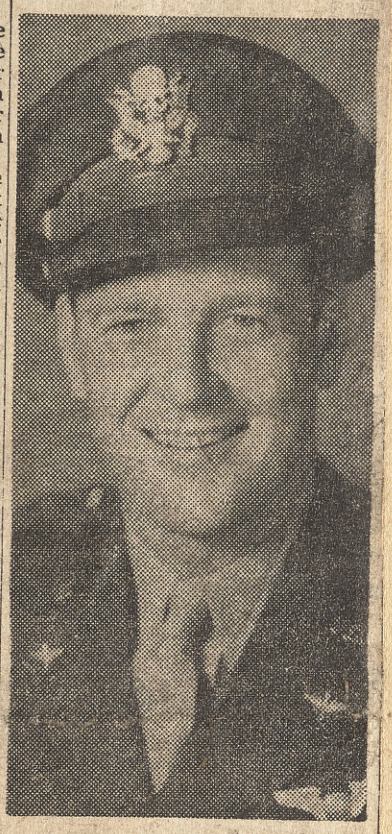
In the second accident, Lieutenant Quinn was piloting a P-38 off Borneo on a strafing expedition when his left wing struck a tree, ripping off its leading edge, bending the left propeller, and shearing off the left engine. He was unable to free himself from the plane and with one engine aflame it hissed into the water, carrying him with it.

At an estimated depth of fifteen feet he freed himself and reached shore. Six hours later he was picked up by a searching plane.

The third accident occurred off Borneo, sixty miles from where he had dived into the sea. He was on a reconnaissance flight for his commanding officer when his engine went wrong. He circled around for nine hours looking for a place to land, found two airfields but was closed out of them by weather conditions.

When he had only about a 15-minute supply of gasoline left he spotted two PT boats in a small bay and bailed out over them. The wind turned his plane and it also dived at the PT boats, just barely missing them. He landed in the water and was quickly picked up by the boat crews.

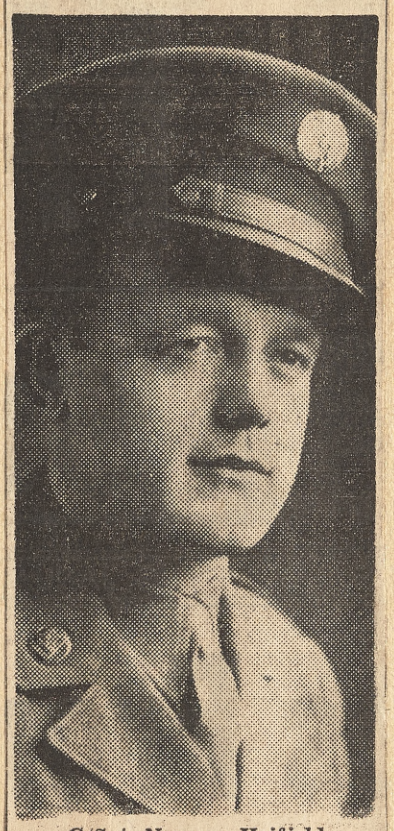
On the day that he got his wings on Williams Field at Pheonix, Arizona, Lieutenant Quinn married Nadine Mott of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She was present at the ceremony and pinned his insignia on his coat. Mrs. Quinn is with him in Eureka.



LT. FREDERICK QUINN

Dec.-1945

VISITING HERE



C/Sgt. Norman Hoifjeld

Staff Sgt. Norman L. Hoifjeld is visiting here for a few days with his parents. Rev. Johannes and Mrs. Hoifjeld, his sister and brother, Margalotte and Clairold Hoifjeld, at A and Pratt streets. He is enroute to New York, where his wife lives.

Sgt. Hoifjeld, a graduate of Brooklyn college, New York, entered the Army in May, 1942, and was assigned to meteriological services, training at Miami Beach, Florida, and Chanute Field, Illinois, and was stationed at Syracuse Army Air Base in New York, before going overseas in June, 1943.

He served in Australia, Dutch New Guinea, Netherlands East Indies and the Philippines, returning to the states last month.

Fri Jan 4-1946

Brothers Return Home From Service

CHARLES CURCEK

ALBERT CURCEK

Albert Curcek, a seaman first class, and Charles Curcek, a lieutenant, were discharged two weeks ago, have returned to Eureka and are visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Curcek of 212 West Cedar street and their sister, Mrs. Robert Van Hoy.

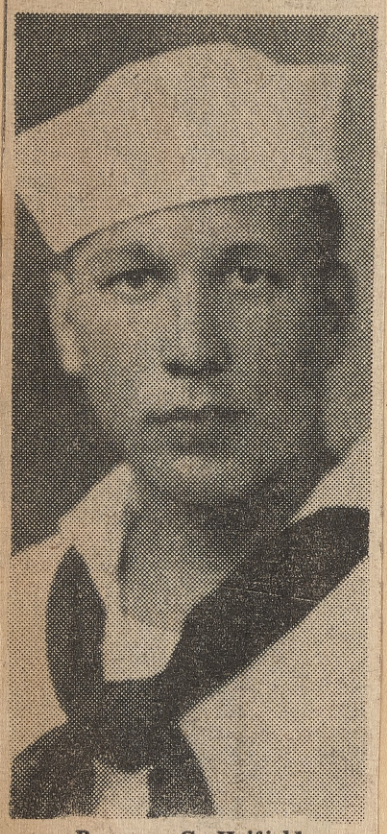
The lieutenant served four years with the Aviation Engineers, spending two years in England and the remainder of the time in France and Germany.

Albert Curcek returned from Saipan after serving three and a half years with the Navy as a gunner on several Liberty ships and tankers before going to Saipan in January of this year. He was stationed there with the amphibious forces.

Their brother-in-law, Robert Van Hoy, has also been discharged from the Coast Guard after more than four years in the service, 18 months on sea duty and the last two years at Government Island, Alameda.

Tues Dec 25-1945

Visiting Parents



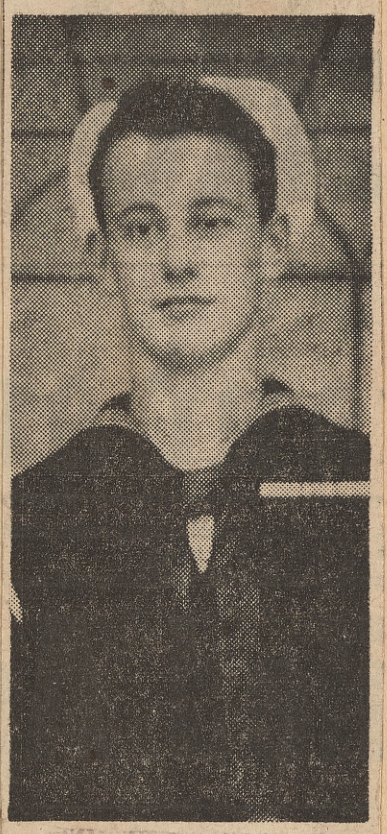
Rosemar G. Hoifjeld

After three and a half years in the Navy, Rosemar G. Hoifjeld, AMM2c, has arrived here to visit his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Johannes Hoifjeld of Pratt and A streets, and he plans to seek employment and live here.

The young man was employed in the Macy store in New York before enlisting. He trained at Newport, Rhode Island, Jacksonville, Florida, Norfolk, Virginia and San Diego. An aviation mechanic, he served as a piston man. He came here from Hawaii where he had been stationed 20 months.

Tues Jan 8-46

RETURNS TO SHIP



Seaman Francis Fasolette

Serving aboard the USS General Gordon, Seaman 2/c Francis J. Fasolette has reported back to Portland, Oregon, after spending a 21 day leave here with his father, Americo Fasolette of West avenue.

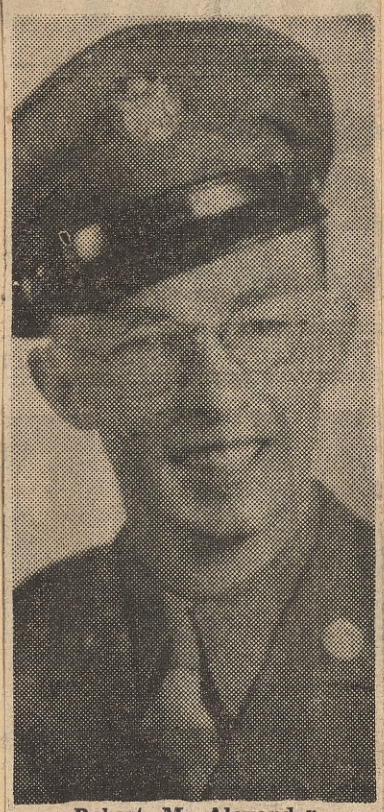
The seaman served in the European war theater and later was transferred to the Pacific. His ship, striking a reef during a ty- of the coast of Nippon while enroute to the states, was severely damaged.

Wed Jan 9-1946

The seaman has been in the Navy a year and participated in the battle for Okinawa and other Pacific actions.

Returns Home

From China



Robert M. Alexander

Robert M. Alexander, an Army sergeant who worked in a special air rescue unit in China, has recently been discharged at Fort Lewis, Washington, and has returned here to live with his father, Robert Alexander of 203 West Grant street.

In China Alexander's unit went behind enemy lines on foot or by air to aid and rescue pilots and other airmen who had crash landed or bailed out. They carried special evacuation equipment and worked with natives and undercover agents to get men out of enemy territory.

Men of the unit, who have rescued many famed airmen, have reported the Japs liked to parade their prisoners through Chinese towns for the effect on the Chinese and to give out information about their cruel treatment of prisoners hoping fear would reduce American fliers combat efficiency.

Robert Alexander holds the Bronze Star, several Battle Stars and other military awards. His brother, Reginald Alexander, a paratrooper who was injured in France, is now attending college in San Francisco.

Thurs Jan 3-46

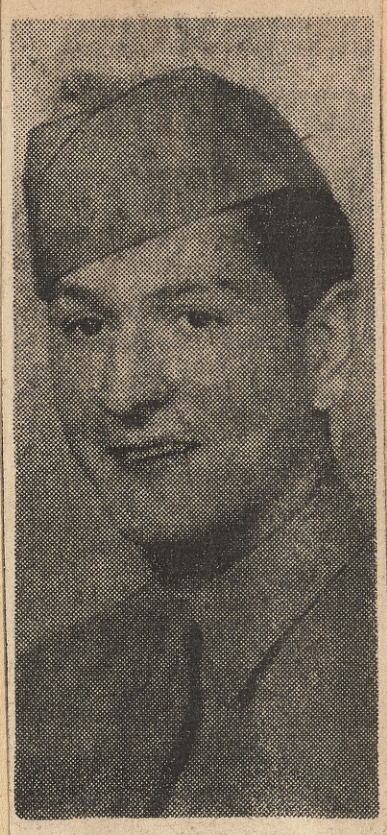
Returns To Duty

Seaman W. A. Dimmick

Seaman 1c W. A. Dimmick has reported back to Seattle, Washington, for continued sea duty after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Dimmick of Eureka, while on 15 day leave.

Sat Jan 26-1946

RETURNS HOME



S/Sgt. Frank Ricci

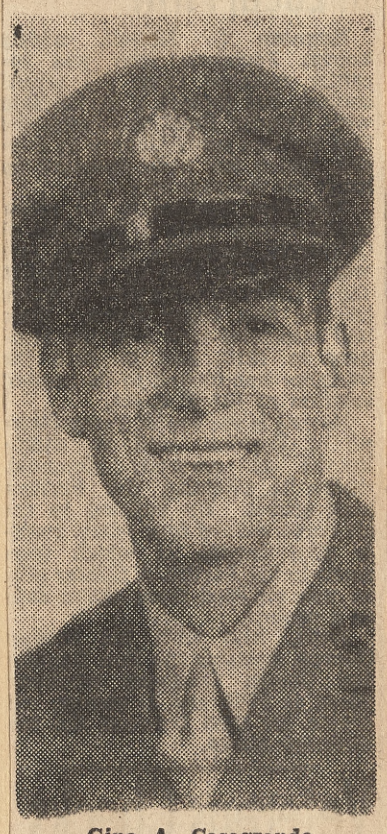
A staff sergeant when he was recently discharged after three years army service, Frank Ricci has arrived home to join his wife, Juanita, and daughter, Jacqueline, two years old.

Before leaving Italy, where he served two years, Ricci obtained a 14-day furlough to visit relatives living there. He came across the Atlantic on the carrier, USS Randolph, encountering heavy storms at sea.

His parents are Mrs. and Mrs. Ralph Ricci of the Bella Vista inn.

Fri Jan 11-1946

Returns Home



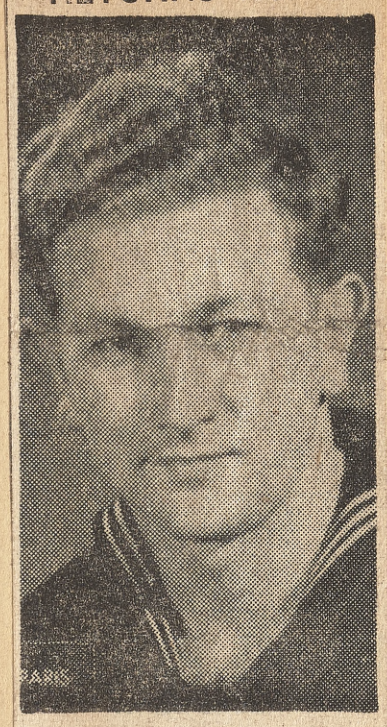
Gino A. Casagrande

A first sergeant in the Military Police, Gino Casagrande has returned home after 27 months in the Pacific theater with the 39th Combat MP company. He served in Now Caledonia, New Georgia, Guadalcanal, Bougainville, made initial landings with the 37th Infantry Division at Lingayan Gulf, Luzon, and his company was among the first occupation troops landing on Honshu, a northern Nippon island.

He holds the Asiatic Pacific campaign ribbon with three Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Philippine Liberation ribbon, World War II Victory ribbon. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Casagrande, and he is a brother of Mrs. John Marcuz and Mrs. Alfred Monighetti, Eureka.

Fri Jan 18-1946

RETURNS HOME



Willard T. Mullan

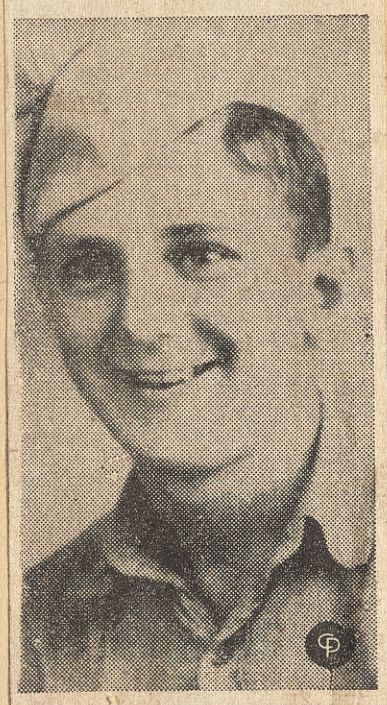
Home from wars in two theaters of operation, Willard T. Mullan, an ex-electricians mate 2c, is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Barnes of Alton, having become a civilian December 27.

On D-Day Mullan was making initial landings from an LCT craft on which he served until May, 1945, when he was transferred to the destroyer escort, USS Sloat, serving in the Pacific theater.

He is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Schweitzer of Hydesville, formerly of Scotia.

Wed Jan 16-1946

Soldier Writes He Didn't Have Knife To Stab Two Japs



Pfc. Joseph E. Hicswa

CLIFTON, N. J., Jan. 17.-(UP)-Pfc. Joseph E. Hicswa, 20, Wallington, N. J., sentenced to die for stabbing to death two Japanese at Osaka, Nov. 24, told Sonia Andreyk, 18, in a letter that he couldn't have committed the murders because "I didn't have any knife."

The letter was turned over to the Veterans of Foreign Wars which has joined the fight to save Hicswa from the gallows.

"They were stabbed to death," said the letter written Dec. 15. "That leaves me out right there for I didn't have any knife."

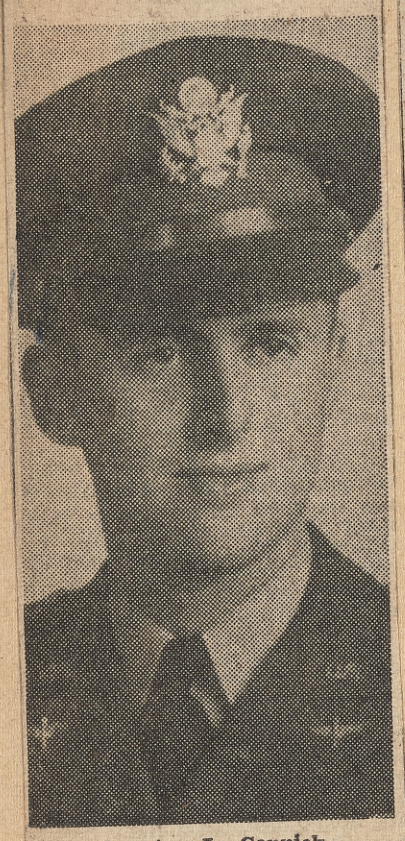
The youth admitted, however, that he did have "a fight with a few of them the night of the murder, "but they were still moaning and groaning when I left them. I guess they have to blame somebody, so I guess I am the loser."

Miss Andreyk said she received the letter Christmas but had kept it a secret because she didn't want to upset his family.

Thurs Jan 17-1946

Gets Pilot's Job

Cargo Airlines



Preston L. Connick

FORTUNA, Jan. 30—Major Preston L. Connick, who recently received his promotion to the above rank while home on terminal leave, is leaving this week for San Antonio, Texas, to accept a position with a cargo airline as a first pilot. The company has a coast-to-coast schedule.

Connick, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Connick of Metropolitan, enlisted in the service in June, 1941, and was commissioned at Luke Field in January, 1942.

In the Air Transport command Connick spent a year in India and made 96 missions over the hump to China. Returning to the United States, he attended a C-54 school in South Carolina and then was a check pilot instructor in a C-54 school. He is continuing in the Air Force reserve.

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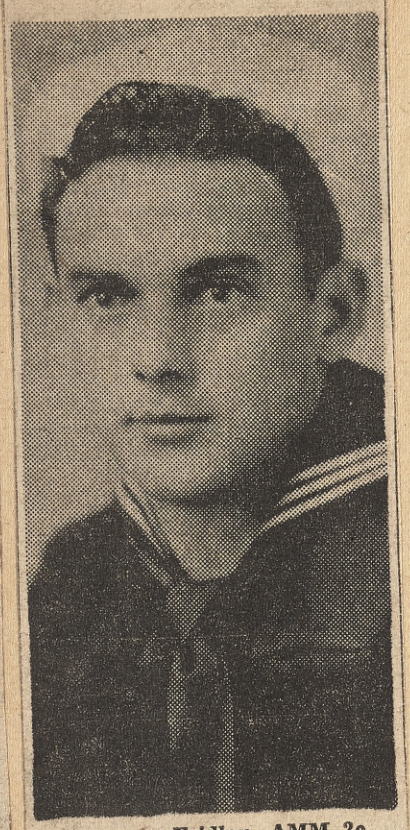
Presumed Dead



Clarence Fridley, AMM 2c

Missing in action since March 25, 1944, Clarence Crome Fridley, aviation machinists mate 2c, Naval Reserve, flying with bombing squadron 139 from Attu, Alaska, on a reconnaissance flight over the Kurile Islands, is now presumed to be dead, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Fridley of 2400 Arcata Road, from James Forrestal, secretary of the navy. He had enlisted in the navy in 1942.

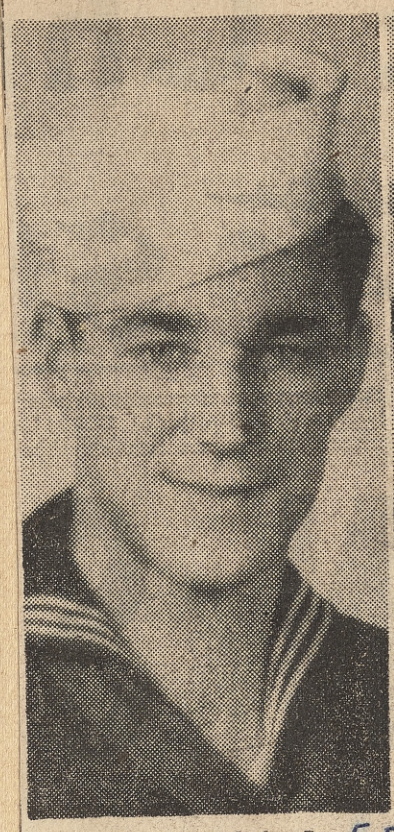
The plane in which young Fridley was flying, with four other planes, became widely separated and his aircraft failed to return to its base. Exhaustive searches by air and surface craft were made but no trace of the plane or its occupants was found. His name did not appear on any lists or reports of personnel liberated from Japanese prisoner of war camps.

Secretary Forrestal wrote to the Friedleys recently as follows: "I know what little solace the formal and written word can be to help meet the burden of your loss but I cannot refrain from saying very simply that I am sorry. It is hoped that you may find comfort in the thought your son gave his life for his country, upholding the highest traditions of the navy."

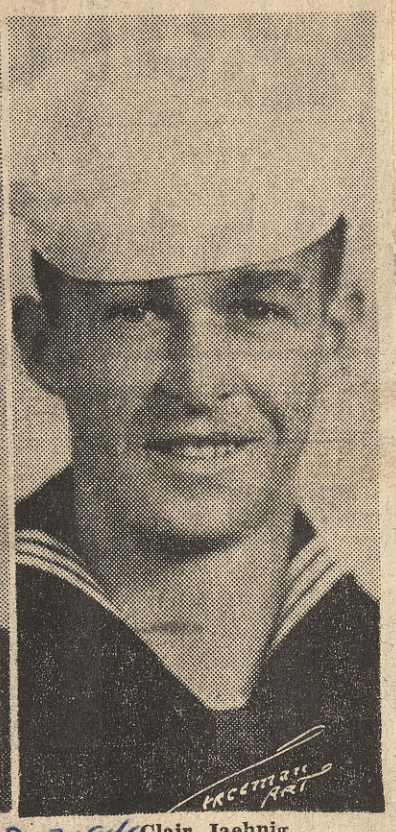
Brothers and sisters of the naval hero are Warren and Robert Fridley, Mrs. Paul Grinsell, Mrs. Harvey Tangen and Mrs. Husted Heinrici, Jr.

FRI Feb 15 1946

Scotia Brothers Honored At Dinner



Charles Jaehnig, Jr.



Clair Jaehnig

FEB 5-1946

SCOTIA, Feb. 4.-Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jaehnig of Scotia recently entertained at a turkey-ravioli dinnner to compliment their sons, Charles Jaehnig, Jr., GM2c, and Clair Jaehnig, GMlc, the affair marking the first time the family has been together for five years.

Both enlisted in 1941, Charles returning last September and Clair in January. They have a brother, Garth, who attends Fortuna high school, a sister, Mrs. Merlyn Paine of Scotia.

Clair Jaehnig was stationed at Saipan and Charles was on the destroyer, USS Rowe with Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet. They had not seen one another since April, 1944.

Mr. and Mrs. Jaehnig were assisted in entertaining by Mr. and Mrs. Everett Anderson, Orval Dye, Ronald Anderson and Don Santerini. They played cards and smuffle board and danced during the evening. A special table was arranged for the servicemen, the oldest one in service was Frank Casey and the youngest, Don Sawyer. The only veteran of World War I at the party was William Pentin. They all gave talks about their experiences.

Clair Jaehnig returned to Santa Rosa with Charles Jaehnig, who is employed there by the Indian Creek Lumber company, and will visit relatives in Sebastopol, Forestville and the bay cities before returning to Scotia.

Guests invited to the affair were Geno Denetti, Louis Rovia, John Sallens, Buss O'Donald, Nello Barsanti, George Brenner, Alvie Andrucci, John Polac, Jack and Don Sawyer, Paul Pond, Jr., Joe Casey, Jim Karry, Ben McWhorter, Mr. and Mrs. Dye, Mary Jaehnig, Gladys Brown, Ethel Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lindbloom, Lillian Lindbloom, Mr. and Mrs. Merlyn Paine and children, Guy Forrest, Mary Ann and Nora, Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pong and son, Buddy, Mr. and Mrs. Isam Anderson and son, Jerry.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pentin, Mrs. Joe Casey, Mr. and Mrs. Rollan Anderson and daughter, Carlotta Jo, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hawley, Mrs. Tom Amen, Mrs. Don Sawyer, Mrs. Alvie Andrucci, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Anderson and children, Joan and Ross, Mrs. Effie Thompson, Gorth Jaehnig.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Karry, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Walster, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Edgman, Mrs. Rose Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Ange Barsanti.

RETURNS HOME

Vernon H. Russell

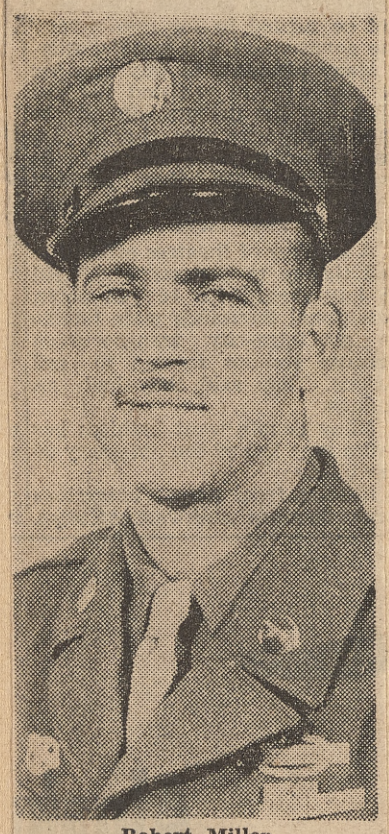
FEB 27-1946

The only Eureka youth to serve with the Atomic Bomb group, so far as is known, is Vernon H. Russell, a private first class, who served with the 509th Composite Group at Tinian in the Mariannas. He is again a civilian, having recently arrived home from the Santa Ana separation center.

His wife, Elva, who lived here while Russell was overseas, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon H. Russell, live at 1754 J street.

Russell enlisted in the Army Air Force in April 1943, trained at Fresno and other bases in the United States. After attending Eureka High school he went to Sacramento to train as a mechanic at McClelland Field.

RETURNS HOME



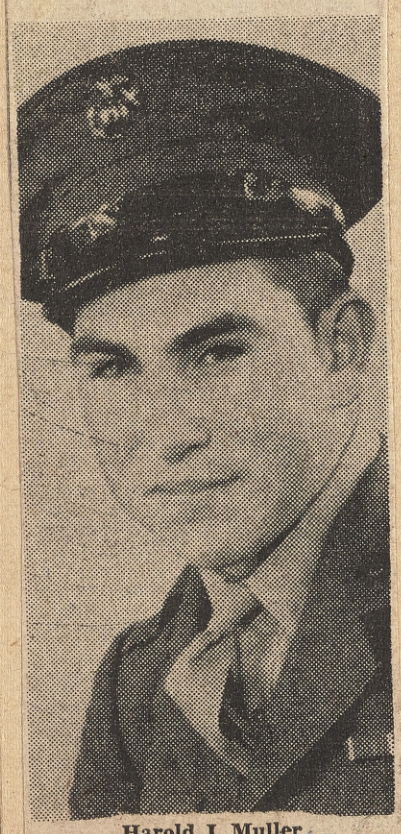
Robert Miller

Returning from the Pacific war theatre, Robert Miller, formerly a sergeant, has been discharged from service and is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Miller of Eureka.

He served in New Guinea and Luzon and was with the occupational forces in Japan. He formerly was employed here by the Hammond Lumber and Elk River Lumber companies by the local Chicago Bridge and Iron Company and at Mare Island.

Tues Feb 19-1946

Visiting Home



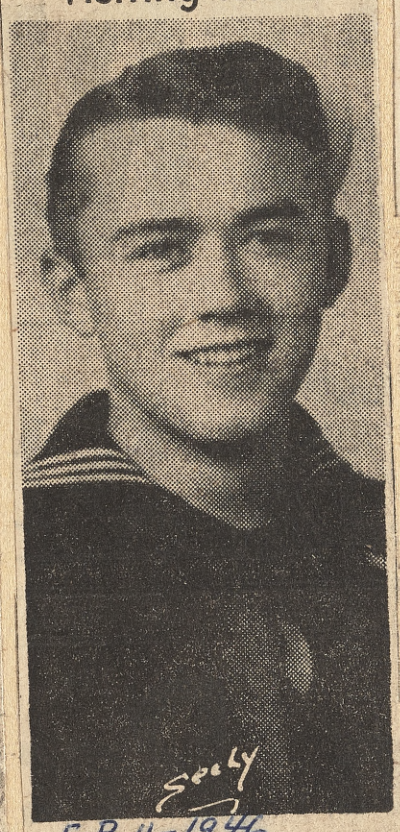
Harold J. Muller

MON Feb-1946

Recently discharged as a Marine Corps corporal, Harold J. Muller is home to see his mother, Mrs. Margaret Muller of 3024 Williams street, after three years service.

Muller enlisted in March, 1943, was wounded in November of that year at Bougainville, receiving the Purple Heart. He served at Okinawa and after returning to the United States was sent to Japan. He also holds the Good Conduct medal and service ribbons.

Visiting Home



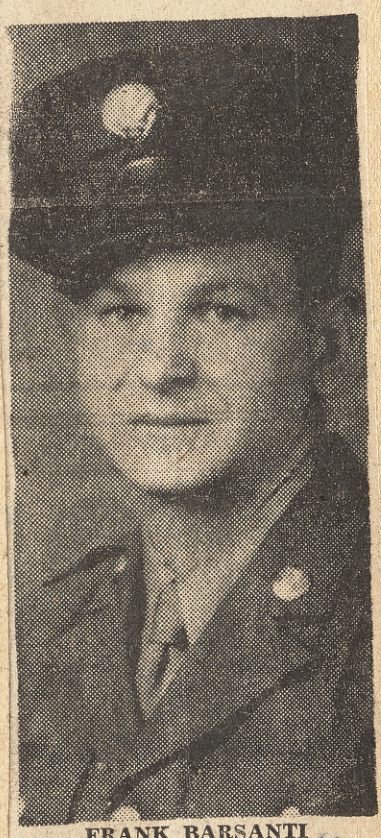
Robert J. Hannah

FEB 11-1946

Robert J. Hannah, motor machinist's mate in the U. S. Navy, has returned from Subic Bay near Manila on 30-day leave and is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Hannah, of 2203 S s' eet.

Hannah spent a year aboard the troop transport General John Pope, and was based for about a year and a half at New Guinea, Hollandia. He expects to receive his honorable discharge on June 6. He is a Eureka boy and attended the local schools.

Returns Home



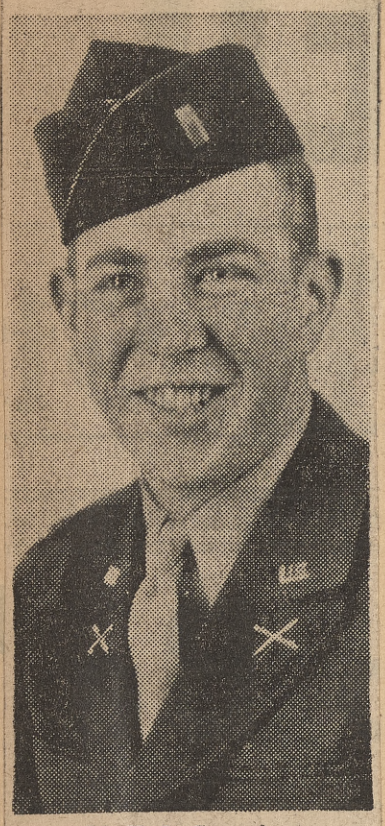
FRANK BARSANTI

FEB-13-1946

Frank Barsanti of Scotia, T-4 Railway Battalion U. S. Army, has recently returned from the European theatre of war. He was inducted into the service in August, 1943, and went overseas in September, 1944. He has served in England, France and Germany.

Barsanti plans to make his home in Rio Dell with his wife, Gerta and son Ronald. Fraternally, he is a prominent member of the Scotia lodge of Red Men.

Returns To Camp



Lt. Clyde Cummings

SEPT 6-1945

A recent graduate of Officers Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he was commissioned second lieutenant, Clyde E. Cummings visited here with his mother, Mrs. Esther Cummings of 3401 Union street, and has reported to Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He is in the Field Artillery, has been in the Army 18 months.

Also visiting his mother in Eureka was Lt. Cummings' brother, Signalman 1c Donald Cummings, a former Humboldt Standard employe, who left yesterday for his station at San Pedro. In the Navy nearly three years, Signalman Cummings served as an Armed Guard on merchant ships in the South Pacific for 16 months.

GETS RELEASE

Dr. L. H. Domeyer

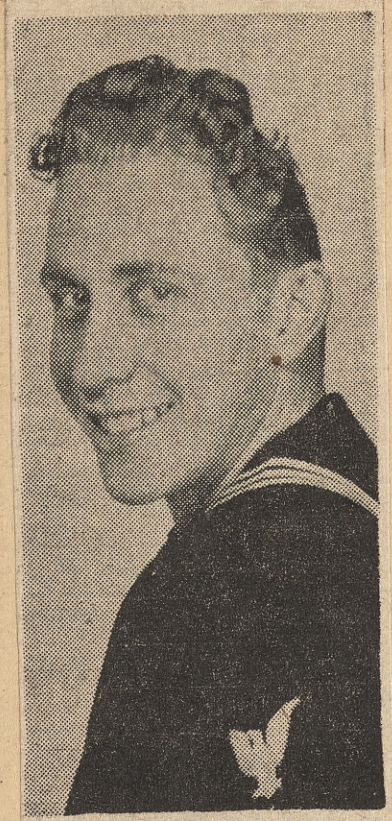
FEB 18-1947

Dr. L. H. Domeyer, a lieutenant in the Naval Dental Corps who was overseas 14 months, returned last month and was released to inactive duty. He was in the Navy two years and served with the Amphibious Forces in the Philippines.

He attended Humboldt State college and graduated from UC college of Dentistry, is a member of Delta Sigma Delta fraternity. His wife and son, Michael, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Domeyer, live in Arcata. The dentist and his family except to live in Eureka soon.

Dr. Domeyer will be associated with his uncle, Dr. Harold Carson, room 317, Bank of America building, in the practice of dentistry, beginning next Monday.

Returns To Ship



Seaman Cecil Taylor

FEB 18-1946

After a 30-day leave at home Seaman 1c Cecil L. Taylor left today to join his ship. He has been visiting here at the home of his mother, Mrs. Kenneth Campbell of 1432 McFarlan street.

Taylor enlisted more than two years ago before he was 18 years old and has seen continuous service in the Pacific for over a year aboard a seaplane tender.

His ship, although an auxiliary unit, say much action, participating in the advance to Okinawa in the Philippines. His worst experience, Taylor relates, was riding the typhoon near Okinawa last fall. After weathering the tropical cyclone, they heard of the war's end, which seemed to them of minor importance just then, they were so thankful for having won the battle against nature's monsterous winds.

GETS RELEASE

Ernest R. Cunningham

FEB 15-1946

In the Navy since 1942, Ernest R. Cunningham, a lieutenant junior grade, Navy Air Force, has been released from active duty and is at home here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Cunningham of 2035 California street. In April he expects to return to college.

Alameda was his home base and he was instrument instructor where, at the Naval Air Base at Arcata, at Watsonville, and other Navy stations throughout the country.